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FOREWORD

HE MALAYSIA MESSAGE is the official news organ of The Methodist Church in alaysia. Its purpose is to provide religious erature to the Methodist Christians of this rt of the world and also to keep the church at me informed as to the progress of the church re. Many who will receive this special issue e either already subscribers to the magazine or ve from time to time received copies of it. e know that much of the material in the alaysia Message is of purely local interest and this year we are experimenting with this special lition giving you a sort of pictorial story of hat is going on in Malaysia. We expect to sue this special number two or three times a ar for home consumption and it will include ly such articles and pictures as are of general issionary interest. We will be very happy to ceive comments from our friends at home as whether or not this special edition is of interest d value to you.

It is our hope that this special edition may e of service to the various missionary societies d young peoples organizations and Sunday chool classes in our home churches. Pictorial agazines have become the vogue in the past few ars and we believe that the church at home ill be much interested in a pictorial represent-ion of what we are endeavouring to accomp-sh. We do not expect that you will read every rticle in this issue but we do sincerely hope that ou will look through it and notice in general hat is of interest in Malayan Methodism.

We begin this issue with an account written y the Editor of a most interesting trip which he ook into the interior of Borneo. In the inde-endent state known as Sarawak, ruled by Rajah Brooke, the late "Jim" Hoover founded and established a great Methodist work. Starting with nothing he was able in some 33 years to build up a strong Methodist organization in that state centreing chiefly on and around the great Rejang River. Within the last year we had decided to enlarge this work in Borneo by opening up Mission work among the Dyaks who are known as the head hunters of Borneo. The Rev. Paul H. Schmucker and family have been assigned to this work. The article to which I am referring is an attempt to describe the Dyak region into which we are going as a church and to give you a background against which you can picture this new work.

A feature of the Malaysia Message which was started the middle of last year is a monthly section known as "Here and There in Malayan Methodism". We are reproducing for you in this issue these sections running from September through January of this eyar. They will give you in pictorial form what has gone on month by month here in Malaya.

I would like to call special attention to pages 14 and 15 which describe our Jelai Sakai work. This is likewise a new part of our church programme and represents the Home Missionary activity of our Methodist Church in Malaya.

Beginning with page 24 is an interesting series of pictures and articles reviewing the year 1939 in most of our Mission centres in Malaya. We recommend this for your study.

Pages 31 and 32 are taken from the monthly section entitled "Our School Mail Bag" and this particular article illustrates our boys' school at Kampar.

HOBART B. AMSTUTZ, Editor.

WE GO TO KAPIT

By H. B. Amstutz

This year's trip to Sibu, Borneo, for the Annual Pastor's School, held in the background the additional allurement of a long-desired trip to Kapit. You enter the central section of Sarawak by the great Rejang River and sixty miles up this river brings you to Sibu, lying on an island at the juncture of the Rejang and the Egan rivers. At this juncture, the large river becomes at first glance a lake at least a mile in width and two miles or more length. Ocean-going vessels could and have gone ninety miles further up the Rejang to a town called Kapit but soon after that are the rapids that stop all such travel. Distances measured on a crooked and largely uncharted river do not correspond with similar distances on land. It would be far better to say that Sibu lies ten hours from the mouth of the river and Kapit a further fifteen hours from Sibu.

When we had finished the sessions of the Pastor's School and said farewell to the forty-eight preachers assembled, we boarded the river launch that was to take us to Kapit for a three-day's trip. It had taken half a day for Rev. Paul Schmucker, our host, to lay in sufficient provisions, to get together the needed camp-cots, blankets and mosquito nets, and to check everything so we would not be minus any necessities. When one once leaves Sibu for up-river one cuts oneself off from the civilized world.

Sarawak's River Launches

This river-launch was powered by a ten horsepower Deisel motor whose continuous 'put-put' dinned itself into our very bones before the fifteen hours of that first day were over. Comfort is not one of the accessories of a Chinese river-boat and all we had was hard wooden benches along the sides, a primitive kitchen and sanitary arrangement at the rear, and two decks, both so low that the writer could never stand upright. The vibration from the engine so shook the whole vessel that reading for any length of time was impossible. To pass the time, when not absorbed in the beauty of the scenery we were passing, we played a game of marbles patterned on the old English game of Halma.

To our surprise the Rejang River continued to remain as wide as lower down and we found many tributary streams flowing into it from between the hills we were soon to get into. From the mouth of the river to Sibu the landscape is dull and uninteresting for it is all low and perfectly flat, being but little higher than the river itself at high tide. But now above Sibu we found the banks rising perceptibly higher until in a few hours we were in the midst of hills of real height and majesty, all of them of course covered with an unending green blanket of jungle.

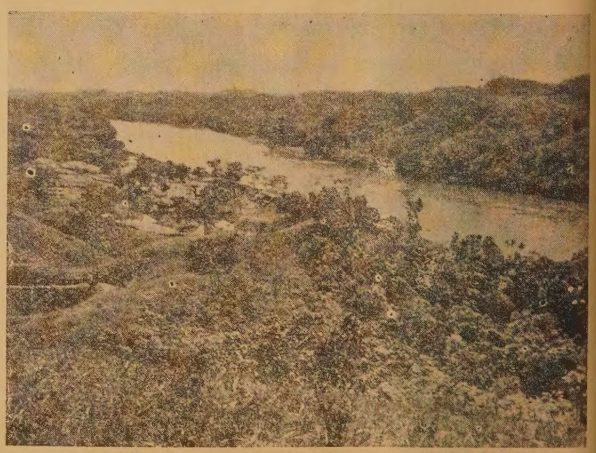
Dyak Boats

Except for a little rubber and one oil palm plantation and a little pepper grown by the industrious Chinese, the remainder of the land was the free property of the rowing river Dyak. As we skirted the shore, first on this side and then on that to avoid the heavy downward current, we were constantly passing the small log-hewn boats of Dyak. These Dyak river-craft are most interesting being usually but a section of tree trunk hollowed to a depth of about six inches and having space for from two to twenty paddlers. When loaded the gunwales of their boats are but a couple of inches above the water and the least awkward movement would instantly capsize the boat. But the Dyak are as at home in these boats as we are in motor cars. When they row they do so in perfect unison, the oars dipping and raising with the sun-light flashing on the reflected drops of water. Both men and women are dressed in a minimum of clothing and are protected from the hot sun by large fiber hats usually two feet or more in diameter. When one passes such a boat-load, all dressed in their finery for a visit to some river town, it is a sight not seen on the usual tourist routes and one never to be forgotten.

Borneo is on the Equator and the sun is very hot in midday, yet riding on the river is surprisingly cool. We left Sibu at 6.00 in the morning and had to wear slip-over sweaters under our coats, and some of our people wore mufflers as well around their necks. Only in the middle of the day could we be comfortable in our sport shirts, and long before evening we again drew on our sweaters and wondered if frost would fall during the night!

Dyak Long-Houses

On the way up the river one soon comes into the true Dyak country with their long-houses scattered here and there on high stilts along the river banks. These long-houses are so-called because that is the way they are built. The best way I can describe them is for you to imagine a long building with an open veranda made of thinly split boards laid on cross pieces. This veranda is usually about twenty feet wide and always extends the whole length of the building. From this veranda one may enter the long-house by any one of a number of doors. Once inside one finds oneself in a long room from thirty to forty feet wide and extending the entire length of the house. This long room is the community room and open to all the people in



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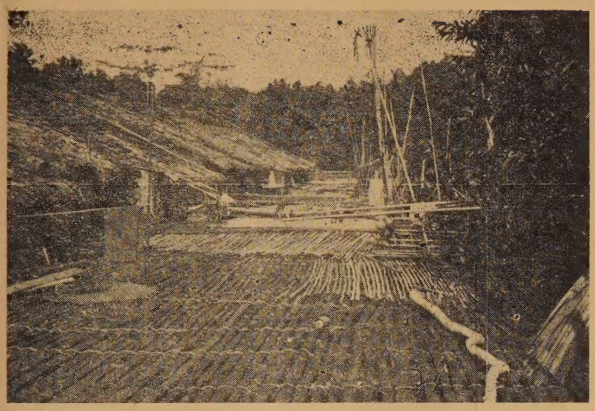
Kapit town from a hill behind the site of the mission bungalow



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A Dyak Long-house and Veranda

the house. Here they sit on woven mats and pass the time in weaving or making nets and especially in hulling and grinding the rice (padi). This hard work is all done by the women. The floor is similar to that of the open veranda and consists of thin strips of the famous Borneo iron wood, which even though it gives to the weight, yet is strong and safe. Wide cracks ranging from half an inch to two inches are sufficient for all debris to fall down to the pigs and ducks and chickens who find their homes below. In one of these houses we found two clusters of dried heads, each containing at least twelve skulls. They were hanging in little rattan baskets suspended from a rattan ring about two feet in diameter. These skulls seemed very old and were black with dust and smoke. On the toothy jaw of one we saw a bit of rice that had been given to the spirit living in the skull. It is just a bit unusual, you know, to sit on a mat on the floor and see a bunch of such skulls hanging! but a few feet above your head.

The Dyak has always been known as the head-hunter of Borneo. It was his method of murder. The possession of heads proved a man's prowess. Men who had cut off no heads were taunted by their womenfolk. The tattooing of the back of the left hand indicated how many heads he had taken. As recently as 1935 the heads of two Chinese at Kapit were taken. Now, however, the government feels it has completely eradicated this horrible practise.

The captured heads were boiled and cleaned of all flesh, then smoked and dried, and hung in rattan baskets as we saw them. These old skulls still have meaning and a sort of sacredness for them and they are used in certain religious feasts and ceremonies. For these occasions the government even loans them heads which it has taken as a pledge of security.

Then opening from this long community room are doors leading to the individual homes. The rooms back of these doors are about twenty feet wide and from thirty to forty feet deep and are sometimes divided into two rooms by a partition. Here each family group lives, stores its property, cooks its food, and sleeps. When the District Officer finds that more than twenty people are living in one of these rooms he orders them to build a new room. These long-houses vary in length according to the number of doors. One house we visited had forty doors and another had thirty-seven, others have as few as eight or ten. This means that the inhabitants of a large long-house may number anywhere from 400 to 600 people. Each house is governed by a penghulu who is a sort of minor chief. Never did we find a large number at home for our visits were in midday when most of the people were either out cutting jungle for padi planting, on the river fishing, or at the market with their produce.

Dyak Wearing Apparel

When one first approaches such a long-house the women and children scamper away but a few bold ones soon realize that we are their friends and invite us to their house. Mr. Schmucker and one of our Chinese brethren could speak some of their language, which we found very similar to Malay, and so we had no difficulty in meeting the people. At first one simply sits on a mat at a door and visits with the chief men. Then gradually the women come closer and soon one is surrounded by a large number of people of all ages. They found my cine-camera very fascinating for I allowed them to look through the finder. Being assured that we meant no harm they were soon persuaded to come out on the open veranda and we were able to secure many excellent snapshots and I took several reels of cine film. At one long-house the women and men kindly dressed up in their finery. This consists chiefly of silver in the form of chains, belts and buckles, and head-dresses as well as bracelets on the arms and legs. They also like varicoloured cloths and clothing. The men dress simply in a coloured loin-cloth known as a "chawat" and the women in a short skirt. However, when the women dress up they add a strange sort of corset made of rattan covered with copper. These are very tight and have to be fastened by another person. One does not have the usual sense of nakedness as one sees their brown bodies, and the bodies of the young men and women are often beautiful. Many of the older people are afflicted with a scrofulous skin disease which makes their skin rough and whitish. Their women, when they have reached the age of perhaps thirty or a little more, look like old hags and the men like pictures of ascetics.

Photo by F. H. S.

Dyaks in Fancy Dress

River Towns

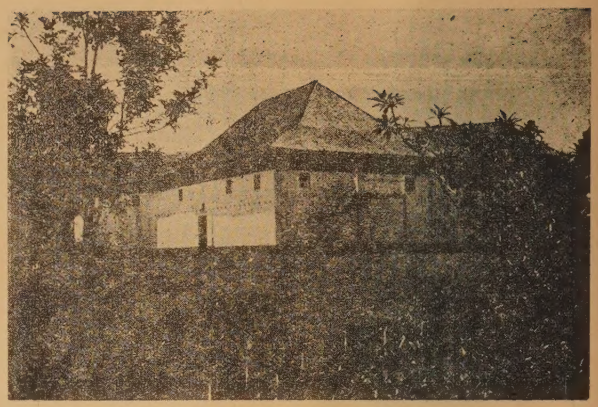
In the early afternoon we arrived at Kanowit, a town at the junction of the Kanowit River with the Rejang. This town consists of but a single row of shop-houses built high off the ground on the river bank and very much in the form of the Dyak long-houses. Their great open verandas were filled with hundreds of Dyak and Chinese. Gambling was going on on several tables amidst great hilarity. The eating shops or "restaurants" had plenty of customers and one always found a large group of Dyak in the shops selling silver jewelry which they and the Chinese adore. Naked children ran everywhere and humanity in all forms and colours lazily watched our party as we walked along. The river's edge was lined with many boats, large river launches like our's designed to hold sixty to seventy people, and narrow Dyak boats of all sizes. The wharf was a floating one as everywhere in this country, consisting of several huge logs lashed together with rattan and a few boards nailed on the top. One went ashore from the wharf on logs, slightly flattened on one side which were laid with one end on the bank and the other on the raft-wharf. At one of the wharfs where we got down the only way to shore was by a single log, one end of which was on the bank and the other end in the water beside our floating wharf. It took quite a bit of courage to step from the unsteady wharf onto this log the lower end of which was covered with about two inches of water and then walk along its thirty or more feet over a swiftly moving dirty river to the shore; especially when one had an expensive cine camera in one hand and one's pockets bulging with films, light meter and a Kodak!

This river, like all rivers in this part of the world, is inhabited by crocodiles. The writer for the past twelve years has been looking in the vain hope of seeing one sunning himself on a muddy bank. Finally on this trip he did see one, about eight or nine feet long and barely thirty feet from our boat. A very different sight from those seen in captivity in the zoos.

Towards evening we passed the second village called Song; Kanowit and Song being the only towns between Sibu and Kapit along a distance of 15 hours travelling time. We wanted to get to Kapit that night so we did not stop. After darkness fell navigation became a little dangerous and it was only after much persuasion that the boatmen would continue on to our destination. There are always logs floating down the river and some so submerged that even in daytime one does not easily see them. To hit a large log at night might easily capsize the launch. However, we knew that the full moon would soon rise, and besides the boat had a strong gasoline lantern plus electric torches. With the aid of these we did manage quite safely.

Kapit

Just as we were about to round the last large bend before arriving at Kapit the full moon rose in all its glory above the trees over the hills to our right. Rising with almost unbelievable brightness we saw it first through the trees and then over the tops shining down upon our broad river. It was as though someone had set a great search-light to guide us to our wharf. Rounding the bend we began to see the lights of Kapit shining from the bazaar rather high up on the river bank to our right. Kapit, as we discovered in daytime, consists of but a string of shop-houses all connected together and having in common the



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Fort Sylvia at Kapit

usual large, covered porch. We tied up to the floating dock, made our way to the bank by a very large log, and then climbed the steep bank by means of several logs laid end to end, and finally made the last and steepest part to the bazaar by a sort of stairs. The arrival of three Europeans in that lonely town was quite a sensation, and our tour of the little town was accompanied by young and old Dyak, Malays and Chinese. It was after nine p.m. and we were very weary so we soon returned to our launch, set up our camp cots and hung our mosquito nets and before long were sound asleep.

The morning dawned cold and damp with a steady rain falling. Our ablutions on the rear of the boat were greeted by spectators up on the town porch who got much fun out of our ways and methods of bathing. We soon began to feel like golf-fish must feel, exposed as they are all day in their bowls. Even in the upper deck of our boat, where we thought we would be private, we had a whole party of people on neighbouring boats watch as we dressed. Their's is not a rude curiosity but that of children who have never been taught to respect the privacy of others. There is no such thing as privacy in a Dyak home or as a matter of fact in any home in Kapit.

A Lovely Park

After a good breakfast, eaten under the eyes of many an onlooker, we made our way up the bank, through the village and along the crest of the river bank to the Fort to pay our respects to the District Officer. The clouds had cleared and the sun was very hot. The Mission had purchased a hill about eight minutes walk from the Fort for the site of the missionary's residence and workmen have been at work for some weeks in leveling the top so the house can be built. When built the house will stand about 150 feet above the water and command a wonderful view of the river and surrounding region. Having visited this site we explored the rest of Kapit. To our amazement we found a lovely park back of the Fort, complete with hills, paths, and playing field and in the centre a beautiful lake nestling around two low hills. Kapit and that whole region is nothing but hills and one can find scarcely a level place as large as a tennis court. A view that we had in the evening from the highest hill-top gave us a panorama over many miles to some mountains at least 3,000 feet high.

Mr. Jacks, the District Officer was happy to see some of his own people and promptly invited us to his rooms in the Fort to lunch, tea and dinner. This Fort was built in 1880 and is made of two-inch ironwood planks. The only openings upstairs in his living quarters are the gun-ports. A lattice screen along the opening under the roof is a protection against the native spears. Furniture and such things were of a minimum, (evidently the government thinks that men at the outposts need little of the necessities of civilization!) This man, a graduate from Cambridge and coming from a good family of colonial traditions, had decorated the walls of his plain living-room with shields and other Dyak and Kayon trophies. For lunch we had wild boar which we found very delicious; he tried to get deer (rusa) for us for dinner but unfortunately there was none for sale that day. His refrigerator and radio are his two luxuries. The date was the 4th of July (The American Independence Day) and we had much fun with our English host about spending that day in a British Fort.

The return trip to Sibu was uneventful. We were all very weary from our climbing and the long walks during the one day in Kapit. Kapit will long be a pioneer station for not until there is considerable development of the surrounding country and much more rubber and rattan offered for sale will the larger boats make the up-river trip. What a boon the radio is for even in such far distant places can one keep in touch with the world. This officer told us that he heard England and San Francisco with equal ease. And modern civilization has forced itself even into such a remote town—a Johnson outboard-motor drives the government launch, a Philco radio graced his living-room and an Electrolux refrigerator his dining-room. In the little Chinese shops one saw toothpaste, soap, and tinned goods from the U.S.A. as well as the ubiquitous flashlight and cheap wrist watch. While we were dressing that morning we saw an elderly Dyak came down to our raft-wharf to bathe and we were amazed to see him using a tooth-brush, albeit with nothing but dirty river water.

Methodism In Kapit

We already have a church and school building in the Foochow settlement about thirty minutes walk from the bazaar and right behind the town the mission has an acre site to use for future development. The Chinese are an amazingly frugal and energetic race. In the words of the Rajah Muda, "We owe everything in Sarawak to the Chinese." In the afternoon we walked with Mr. Jacks over the hills to this new Settlement. Here, as everywhere when permitted, the Foochows have cut the jungle and planted rubber. Last year the Methodists in this group, aided by a little money from Malaya, built the church-school that we visited; a well-built building with about an acre of open space around it for a vegetable garden for the pastor. We remarked to our friends, "You have a school building but no school." They quickly replied, "We will soon have children and we want the church now so we have built for the future." That is Borneo Methodism for you!

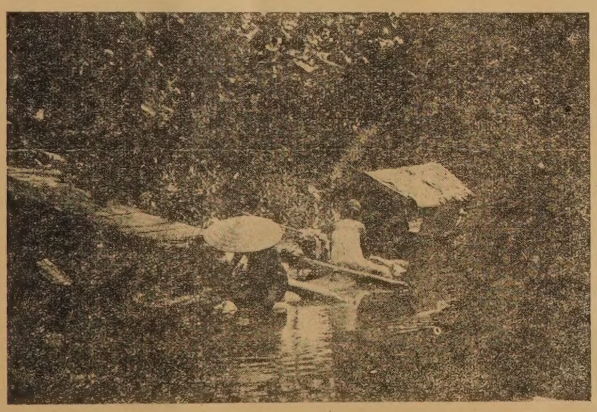


Photo by P. H. S.

A typical river laundry

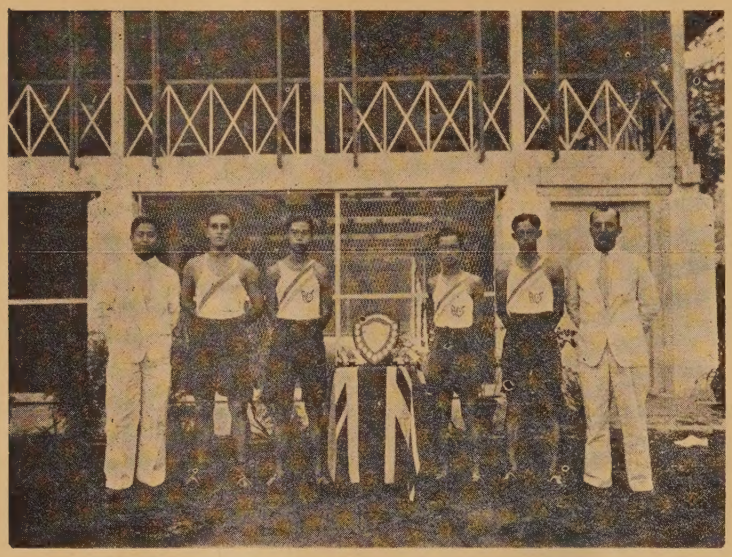
After the mission residence is built the Schmucker's will move to Kapit. Back of their residence is a plot on several hillsides of over five acres which the government has given us to use for mission purposes. Here Mr. Schmucker and his Batak helper Lucius will develop a demonstration farm to show the Dyak how to diversify their farming and not depend only on rice for their food. The government estimates that about 6,000 Dyak live in that region, and it is among these people that the Schmucker's plan to work. Hithertofore in Borneo we Methodists have concentrated only on the Chinese and it was Tuan Hoover who built that work to its present remarkable size. This new work among the Dyak will be slow and difficult, and we must allow years to pass before appreciable results will be seen. But when once their confidence has been won we know they, too, will respond to the Gospel.

The Sibu Pastor's School

For the seventh time, since June 1930, the Methodist Pastors of the Sarawak Mission have met together for study, inspiration and fellowship. This year we had forty-eight pastors present including the two Chinese District Superintendents, Revs. Wong King Hwo and Lee Hock Hiang, and not counting several Bible women and pastor's wives.

The faculty was composed of the Rev. Dr. M. Dodsworth, District Superintendent of the Penang-Ipoh District who taught a course on "Hosea"; the Rev. Timothy Huang, pastor of the Penang Hokkien Church, who gave an "Exposition on 'Galatians' "; Mrs. Celeste B. Amstutz of Singapore, who took a class on "Essentials of Public Speaking"; the Rev. Dr. H. B. Amstutz, Dean, who lectured on "The Curing of Souls"; and the Rev. John Chua, pastor of the Malacca Hokkien Church and a man fluent in languages, assisted with the interpretation both in the School and at the Mission Meeting, and preached twice in the devotional services. The missionaries were the guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul H. Schmucker.

The Pastor's School was conducted on lines similar to those of previous years both in Borneo and in Malaya. Every morning we began the day in the church with a Morning Watch. Classes were conducted in the morning and afternoon and every evening one of the visiting ministers preached to a large congregation in the Masland Memorial Church, built by the late Rev. Dr. James M. Hoover, and which is one of the landmarks of Sibu. Following the School, Dr. Dodsworth, in the absence of Bishop E. F. Lee and acting upon his cabled authority, conducted the sessions of the Mission Meeting. It is the Bishop's intention soon to form the Sarawak Mission Conference.



The All-Malayan Relay Track Team with Coveted Trophy. They are from A.C.S., Kampar, Perak. The Rev. D. P. Coole, Principal, at right.

The Rev. Carleton H. Foss, who arrived with Mr. Heimark on August 4th, immediately proceeded to Kuala Lumpur where he has joined the staff of the Methodist Boys School and is now Associate Pastor of the Wesley Church. He is a graduate of Boston University with the B.A., M.A., and S.T.B. degrees.

A Scene from the Sunday School Rally at Malacca.

Helpers at the Wesley (Singapore) Sunday School picnic on Changi coast.

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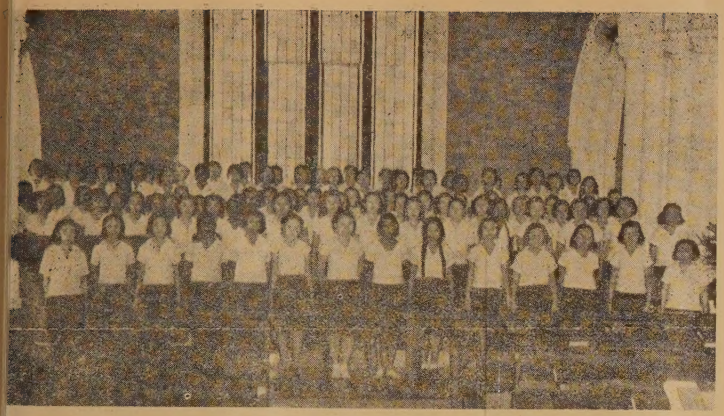
Dr. M. Dodsworth laying flowers on "Jim" Hoover's grave. Rev. J. M. Hoover died in Kuching, Borneo, in 1935 and is buried in the Christian cemetery on a gentle hillside under a large tree.



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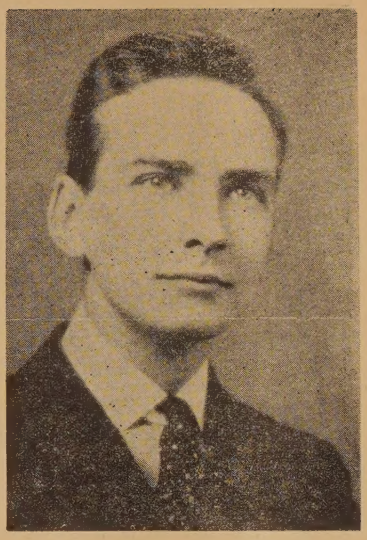

Mr. Lester Heimark, who arrived from the U.S. on August 4th, has been assigned to work in the Secondary School of the Anglo Chinese School in Singapore. He is living at 10 Mount Sophia. Mr. Heimark was graduated in June from Hamline University, Minnesota, with a B.A. degree.

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(Upper Left) The Cambridge Choir of the Methodist Girls School, Singapore, in Wesley Church where they took part in a Broadcast Service of Worship July 30th.

(Centre) Members of the Wesley Ladies Aid (Singapore) as guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Jackson, at their new home at Loyang, Changi.

Sibu Chinese Pastors' School (*See page 5*)

Courtesy of the Straits Times

The cast of a Play presented by Old girls of the M. G. S. Singapore, in the Wesley Hall, as part of a Programme to interest the Old girls in the new M. G. S. Buildings.

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Steps leading to Wesley Church, Singapore, the Mother Church of Malayan Methodism.

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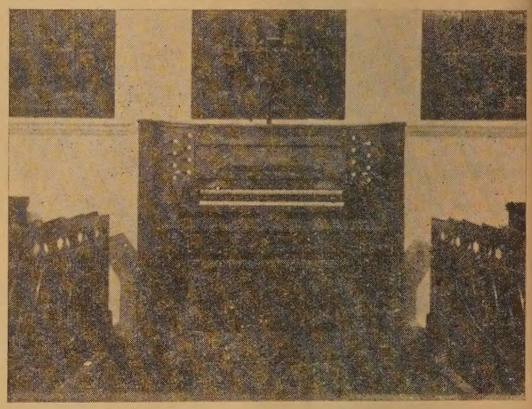
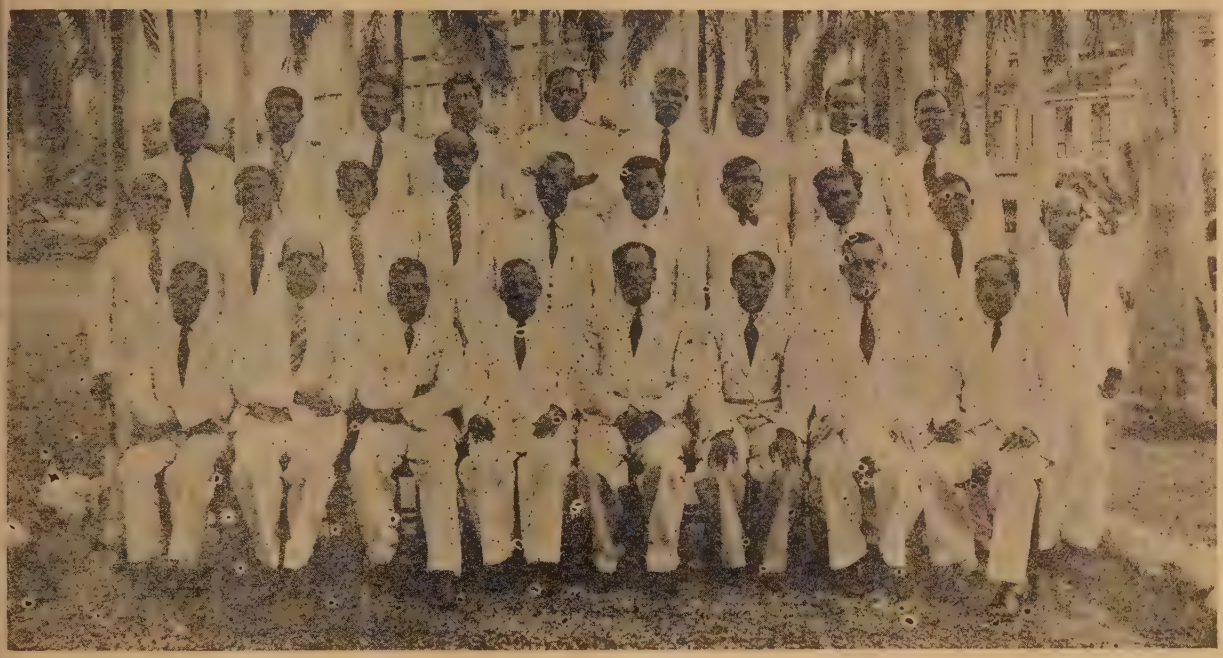
Mr. F. C. Sands, M.B.E., the Managing Director of the Malaya Publishing House, formerly the Methodist Publishing House, Singapore.



The new Organ in the Chinese Church Penang.

A Conference of Bible Women, under the leadership of Miss Eva Sadler, at Malacca. The W.F.M.S. greatly aids the pastoral work in our Churches through the work of these devoted women.



The Tamil Pastors' School at Ipoh

The Tamil Pastors School

J. W. A. KADIRGAMAR

THE Annual Pastors School for the Tamil pastors of all the Malaya Methodist Churches took place at Ipoh, Anglo-Chinese School, during August 15—22. There were 25 pastors present. The Dean of the School was the Rev. Dr. H. B. Amstutz. The English classes were conducted by the Dean, Rev. J. W. A. Kadirgamar, and Mr. R. Kesselring; the Tamil classes by Rev. S. S. Pakianathan, Rev. J. V. Ayadurai, and Rev. J. Kingham Joseph. Rev. S. J. Arthur was in charge of the Morning Devotions, and Rev. Milton David assisted by Mr. C. Koilpillai, were the hosts and gave the school excellent food.

The Pastors School is mainly intended to help give the pastors a course of studies which would refresh them and equip them in their great task of preaching the gospel. This the school had done every year and notably so this year.

Besides this, the school is growing as a means of enriching and vital fellowship among the pastors. It has provided a means of knowing each other and sharing each others experiences. The fellowship that was experienced was inspiring. This year one remarkable advance was the spirit in which Dr. Amstutz and Mr. Kesselring were among the pastors and helped frank expression, in a very fine spirit, of the Indian point of view in the programme of the work in the Malayan Methodist Church. The coming together in equal and genuine christian fellowship of the different nationals, who are by the Providence of God co-workers in the church in the East, is a great feature in the Christian work. Its progress is pregnant with great possibilities. India has gone much along these lines of Malaya must follow in its wake. A wish was expressed that missionaries, too, must come to these pastors schools in larger numbers just for this contact.

The Ipoh Christian community welcomed the pastors with great joy. The Teas and Dinners in christian homes contributed much to the happiness of the sessions. Ipoh is a big Tamil centre and the pastors had the joy of seeing a big place and a valuable work. On the whole the Pastors school, Ipoh, has rendered a distinct service to the Tamil Pastors and was pronounced a great success.

Revs. C. E. Fang, Yau Yee San and Hong Han Keng, our Malaya Chinese District Superintendents

A Mountain Peak Experience

E. S. Lau

(The 1939 Chinese Pastors' School was held from Wednesday, 6th September to Wednesday 13th at Kilat Garden, Cameron Highlands.)

IN the days of old there were Christian hermits who ran away from the busy life of the town in order to avoid life and responsibility. They were afraid of responsibility and they were afraid of getting stained by sin. Of the thirty-six Chinese Pastors, two laymen and two missionaries who went to Cameron Highlands for the School, none of them left the city in order to run away from life or was afraid of sin. They all went to the hill with a purpose—that they might be better fitted for the work that awaits them down in the plain. It was truly a week of rich spiritual experience of meditation and study. The period was altogether too short, but, nevertheless, when the School came to a close, everyone came away with the conviction that he should do greater and harder work for the Kingdom of God.

Wednesday night after dinner was the beginning of a Fellowship Communion of prayer. The Sacrament of the Holy Communion was observed. To many of us the experience was new, for it was not celebrated in the Church but in a parlour. Dean Amstutz presented the origin of the Holy Communion, and in a most simple way illustrated to the assembled group how it was celebrated among the early disciples. The occasion was most touching and everyone keenly realized that it was a communion of the breaking of bread among the early disciples of Jesus made sacred by the Master at the Last Supper before He died on the Cross.

Photo by H. B. A.

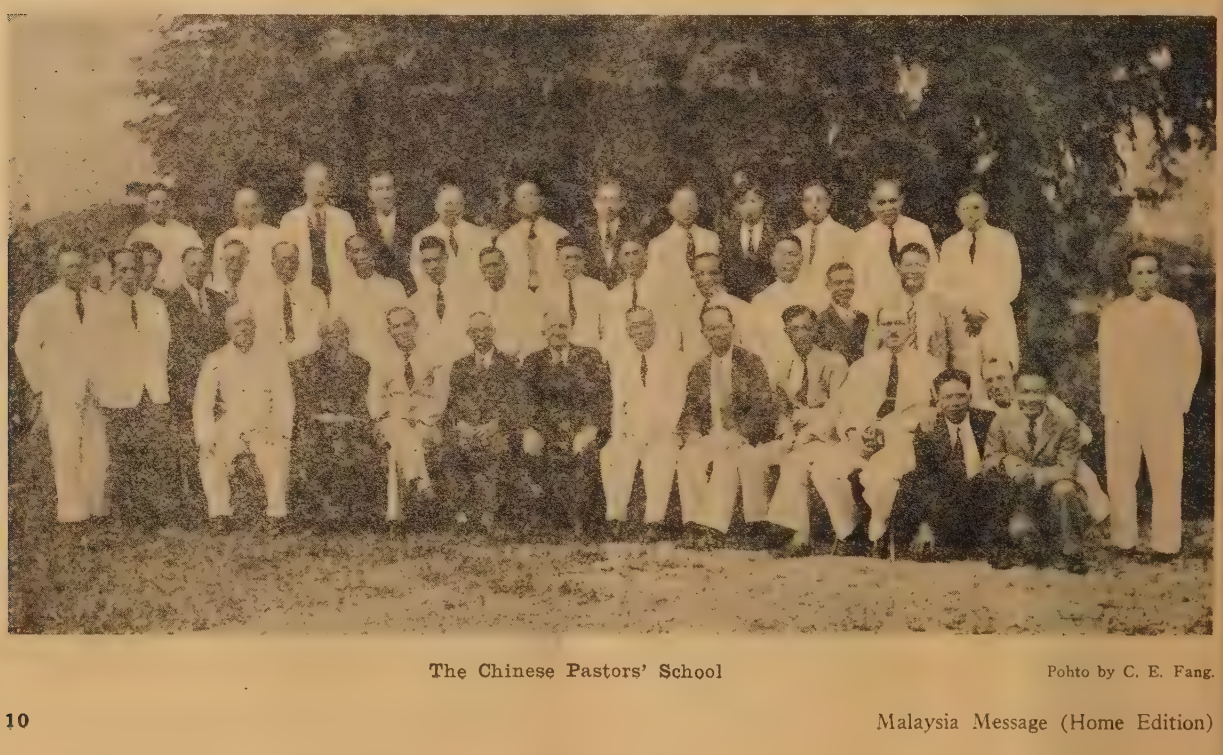
A Morning Watch Hour

The Atmosphere of the School

The cold mountain wind did not chill the warm and cheerful atmosphere of the School. There was not that put-up pietistic sobriety but rather that spontaneous fellowship born of the consciousness that the Christian ministry is the noblest calling in life.

From Morning Watch to Vesper Service we did feel that the air was charged with the spirit of true Christian realism. As ministers we were made conscious that our task is not to prepare life for heaven but rather make this life—here and now—a heaven.

Young or old, new or experienced, every pastor considered the School as a distinct opportunity to learn and share the experiences of others. No one felt that he was outside or beyond the scope of learning. With such a spirit of humility, lecturers and listeners mutually shared



The Chinese Pastors' School

Pohto by C. E. Fang.

Photo by H. B. A.

New Recruits for the Chinese Ministry

a true comradeship. And this attitude of teachableness was made more evident by the books sold. The Rev. Paul Hang brought with him 267 books; all of them were disposed of for cash! A remarkable hunger and thirst for knowledge and truth!

The Spirit of Sacrifice

Every Church and every minister represented made some personal financial contribution towards the running cost of the School. The men who were able paid willingly more than others whose salaries did not permit them to contribute more than a single dollar. There was no grudging spirit, but rather the spirit of "give and take" was so clearly demonstrated.

Dean Amstutz expressed his heartiest satisfaction. As a matter fo fact, he confessed that it was beyond his expectation that such a School could really have been arranged. But with every man making the needed sacrifice, a School such as this, or any school, can be made a possibility. Let us look for a larger and greater School in the future. When and Where it might be held, let each and every minister find himself an active and effective co-operator.

Accomplishment

What really had been accomplished at Cameron Highlands?

As ministers we got to know one another better. This would help us to be co-partners in the building of God's Kingdom. Having learnt to live together, we would naturally learn to work with one another in the friendliest way.

We learned to share the problems of thought as much as those of the Church. It is possible to hope that we would learn, even so, to share the high responsibilities and the heavy burdens of the Kingdom. And is it an idle dream that this spirit of sharing might yet influence the aims and motives of making Annual Conference Appointments?

We realized that problems of a difficult and complicated nature could be solved when among those quiet hills we entered into a close communion of prayer. We could see, as we have never seen before, that in order to evolve a truly indigenous church, we must—Missionary and Malayan workers alike—come into an organic co-operation. It has been wisely resolved that a Committee of Counsel and Co-operation be organized.

Not least among the accomplishments was the painful realization that the Methodist Church, in order to win the respect and gain the faithful following of the rank and file of our people, must train here in Malaya more and better ministers of Jesus Christ.

Prize Winners

The Anglo-Chinese School, Nibong Tebal, Province Wellesley, secured the following awards at the M.A.H.A. Exhibition at Kuala Lumpur.

Girls' Section, Handwork—two special prizes.

Boys' Section, Raffia—first, second and third prizes. Book-binding—second prize.

Temperance Programme, Malacca

Burr Baughman

In Malacca the latter end of July was set aside as a time to emphasize the Temperance message which is an unalterable part of our Methodist tradition. It was decided that our entire group should participate in some way or another; so Sunday School, Epworth Leagues, church and schools all set to work planning special programmes.

The Temperance theme was brought out on bulletin boards and in the church paper. In the Methodist Girls' School and in the Anglo-Chinese School one chapel programme each was given to this subject. Then one Friday an evening programme was presented by the young people. The Rev. J. J. Kovilpillai kindly co-operated by giving a showing of his lantern slide series entitled "Haridasi," while the Rev. B. Baughman told the accompanying story. It is a tale of a young Indian lawyer and his wife. The young man shows great ability and promise; but he gets

Photo by E. C. Fang

Chinese Pastors climb the highest hill

into the drink habit and loses almost everything he possesses in life, including his wife. It is only the power of Christ which finally saves him.

Following this there was staged a short Temperance play entitled, "We Reach for the Stars," by D. L. Sumerau. The cast was made up of young people of the church, and they put up a very good performance which was much appreciated by the audience. The following were the players:

Roslyn Clark, fiancee of Dr. Courtland	Tan Tah Sek
Mary Clark, a nurse, Roslyn's sister	Giam Tek Lin
Ann Heather, Superintendent of nurses	Lee Thian King
Doctor Irvin Courtland	Tay Koon Lim
Sylvia Brown, a nurse	Wong Soc Chin
Don Withers, a young man	Thomas Lim
Doctor Gambrell, noted surgeon	Wong Soo Chong

The story of the play is a drama of a young surgeon, his fiancée and a drunken driver. The surgeon is just starting a career of great promise, and is very happy with his fiancée. Returning from a case, however, his car is wrecked by a drunken driver who runs into him; and his right hand is so badly torn there are fears he may never be able to operate again. As his fiancée awaits final news in the hospital, the driver of the other car enters. Learning who he is, the young woman upbraids him fiercely for his criminality in possibly ruining the life of a young man who really amounted to something worthwhile. Her words open the eyes of the young profligate, and as she leaves he kneels and offers God a vow of abstience.

The lantern slides and play together made an impressive plea for Temperance, and one which will not easily be forgotten.

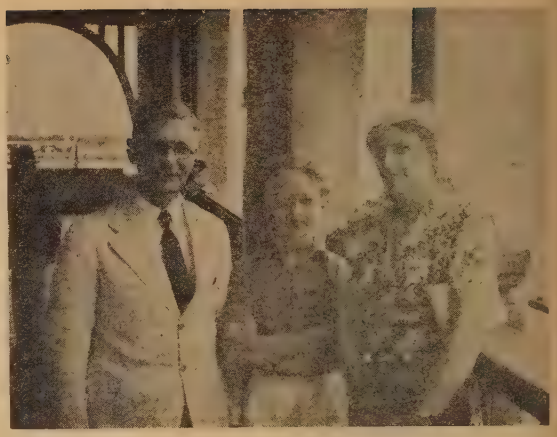
The Sunday following was truly Temperance Sunday. In the morning all three departments of the Sunday School gathered in the Methodist Girls' School hall. There a special programme, participated in by members of all departments, was presented. The Primary children gave some recitations and songs, and the Junior girls very effectively put on a fine short play on the theme of the day. This was about a princess and her two fairy godmothers. One, by leading her into a life of intemperance and evil pleasures, would have dragged the girl through much unhappiness and evil. The other fairy godmother, however, helped the princess to see the evil clearly, and so she escaped into a life of happiness and good.

In the evening the Intermediate and Senior Epworth Leagues held a combined meeting, with an appropriate and well arranged service. Rev. R. A. Blasdell spoke; and at the end of the service gave all those young people who so desired the opportunity to sign the following pledge:

> "Believing that the use of alcoholic beverages is harmful to the individual, detrimental to society, and contrary to Christian principles, I declare my purpose to abstain from the use of all alcoholic beverages."

Most of those present did sign the declaration.

The evening service was also planned around the same theme, and the sermon was a plea for Temperance. At the close those who had not already done so were again given an opportunity to sign the pledge.



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The Eklunds on the Pier on their way back to California after another term of service in Malaya.

What of Tangkak!

Harry Fang

Tangkak may appear to be an unfamiliar place to many of us. I presume that a large majority of my friends are unaware that our Methodist Mission has an Anglo-Chinese School with about a hundred students, and also a church in this vicinity of Johore. The A.C.S. Tangkak came into existence in 1936 from funds donated by the generous public here, and it was sponsored by our Mission. It is worth while to mention that the Rev. and Mrs. Dodsworth were pioneers of this school. Ever since, it has grown rapidly, and at present it is progressing under the able management of Mr. David Ling, the headmaster, and is supervised by Rev. R. A. Blasdell. During the past three years, this school had never earned a name for itself, and I feel that since it is now well-established, and has passed its age of infancy, it ought to allow all the sister-schools and public to have a glimpse of its activities.

On July 16th 1939, sixty-five members of our Sunday School travelled to Malacca for the Malacca District Sunday School Rally. Our boys and girls showed marked enthusiasm over it, and this Rally has encouraged them to attend Sunday School meetings, and it has also broadened their views on the fine fellowship and benefits one may obtain from such a Christian gathering. We may proudly say that Tangkak topped with the largest delegation.

Through the untiring efforts of the headmaster, the fine co-operation of the teachers and students, and the generous contributions of the public, the 2nd Annual Athletic Sports of the A.C.S. Tangkak, was held on the 28th July. Our Sports Day was treated in the manner of a festival day by the folks here. Everyone enjoyed the improved performance of the competitors, and the parents of the students were pleased to witness their sons and daughters run, skip, crawl, and eat! The Obstacle Race, which was open to all schools, proved to be very amusing and entertaining. The main item of the day was the 440 yards Inter-School Relay for a cup, presented by the well-known sportsman of Johore, Inche Hassan bin Abdullah, who is also the District Officer of Tangkak. Our School wrested this cup from the Government Malay School after

a great struggle in which four schools participated. Mrs. Blasdell honoured the occasion by giving away the prizes to the winners. There is one proud achievement which I must not fail to mention. The headmaster, teachers and students surveyed and lined the entire field, cut the poles from the nearby forests, white-washed them, and decorated the field by themselves without the aid of hired labourers. Everyone sacrificed some time to labour and sweat in the terrific heat of the sun for the success of the School Sports. This is a fine example of co-operation and enthusiasm.

The beginning of the 2nd term of this year, saw the birth of a scout movement in our school. A Scout troop of fourteen boys was formed. We were advised by the District Scout Commissioner not to start a troop exceeding sixteen in number, and also received high encouragement from him. The Scouts meet twice a week for Scout-training and games. They are all working hard for their tenderfoot tests, and I earnestly hope that when they leave us, they will not forget the true scout spirit of brotherhood, but will live up to the traditions and unique achievements of our A.C.S. Scouts in Malaya.

All our past achievements and progress, we feel, were accomplished through Divine guidance, and we have dedicated our School motto to Him, who is our Guide and Counsellor: "Domine, Dirige Nos"—"Lord direct us."

Photo by Thomas.

Hadji Hassim bin Arsok, faithful caretaker of Wesley Church, Singapore, since 1924

The Epworth League of the Wesley Church, Singapore

Our Jelai Sakai Work

By W. S. Reinoehl

The Sakai settlement at the Kuala Betor on the Jelai Kichil River is the newest project of the Home Missionary Society. The settlement is a two days' journey up the River from Kuala Lipis, Pahang. Here we see Komat's new house near the river. It overlooks the garden and building shewn below. Komat and his wife Klara are providing a practical example of Christian home life.

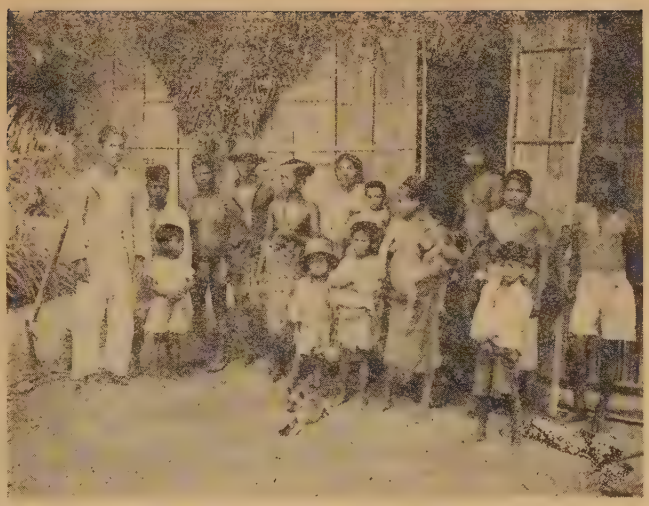
RIGHT: The building used for church and school. Pupils are learning to read by the phonetic system introduced by Dr. Means.

BELOW: The clinic, where patients with minor ailments are treated. There are accommodations for those who need to remain several days for treatment. A good stock of medicine for the treatment of such ailments as malaria, ulcers, and skin disease is kept.

Sakais are usually underfed and they seldom have a food supply in store for the future. Our workers are teaching them how to produce more food. Note in the above pictures Komat's fine corn and sweet potatoes. Papayas, bananas and ubi kayu also grow in his garden. Sakais come to him for seeds and cuttings. The Penghulu of the district came to ask for seeds while we were there. Klara's obliging hens lay their eggs in a box on the kitchen shelf. "Service with a cackle"!

(Photos by W. S. Reinoehl)

akai settlements are widely scattered, and some amilies come to the services from considerable istances on bamboo rafts. The children know a umber of hymns by heart. The small boy with he battered hat is the star performer.



This man was planting hill rice, and paused to survey the mass of tangled, blackened tree trunks which lay in his field. He had felled the jungle, burnt it over and was then proceeding to punch holes in the untilled ground. Was he wondering whether there would be a harvest? Would the rice be choked out by the second-growth jungle? Would there be another "great hunger"?

(The two upper photos are by W. S. Reinoehl)

Sakai women busy at the never-ending chore of grinding the padi (rice) into flour. This is strictly women's work as well as many other tasks that the men can slip out of while supposedly filling the larder with their hunting. Hard work and incessant child-bearing, as well as disease, take a heavy toll of Sakai womanhood. A woman thirty years old looks as if she might be fifty.

November 1939

Spectators at the Tamil Badminton Finals in the Church Grounds. (Singapore).

Tamil Singapore Sunday School Badminton

By Victor Joseph

The Badminton Tournament finals and prize distribution took place on Saturday September 23rd at 1 Short Street starting from 4.30 p.m. This was the second annnual tournament and we were favoured with excellent weather. A large number of members of the church were present, all of whom enjoyed the games played immensely.

The Open Singles final was well contested for, and A. M. Cherian annexed the title the second year after three gruelling sets. Mr. W. Dana however put a very gallant fight till the end.

The exhibition games of the Mixed Doubles and Ladies Singles were very much appreciated. At the conclusion Mr. C. B. Paul gave a short speech after which he called upon Miss C. C. Kenyon to give away the prizes to the winners.

The results were as follows:—

Open Singles:
Champion A. M. Cherian
Runner-up W. Dana

Ladies Singles:
Champion M. Vaithilingam
Runner-up G. John

Junior Singles:
Champion Lionel Dana
Runner-up J. Masilamoney

Mixed Doubles:
Champions W. Dana and G. John
Runners-up V. John and H. Ayadurai

Though we had fairly good weather throughout the tournament it was always windy and as a result players could not show their real worth. However all who took part did not mind this drawback and I think we can say that Badminton this year was a great success.

Union Epworth League, Seremban

By L. L. Fah

September, being set as Temperance month for Malayan Methodists, we had a special Temperance programme. Three of our Leaguers spoke on Gambling (Maniam), Tobacco (T. S. Nathan), and Alcohol (S. Rasan). We also presented a short temperance sketch, "A New Alice in Wonderland." It was well received and more than two dozen Leaguers signed the Temperance Pledge Cards.

Another special Service for our Scouts and Cubs was arranged last month. All officers, Scouts and Cubs were present and in uniform. D.S.M. Ngui Choon Jin was in charge of the parade. About 150 were present in the Wesley Church. Mr. A. P. Paul gave a very fine and appropriate address on "LOYALTY to GOD."

The Second Annual and Guest-Night Dinner was held on the 6th of October in the School hall, which was very tastefully decorated by the Leaguers themselves. About 120 members and friends were present and all had a really grand time. It was a subscription dinner and we were fortunate enough to have a balance of over thirteen dollars to be sent to the Home Missionary Society. After dinner there was a cinema show when some very entertaining films were shown through the kindness of Rev. W. S. Reinoehl, Mr. Sadu Singh and Mr. C. Mc Coy. The president, Mr. A. P. Paul said a few words in which he thanked all who had contributed to make it a success.

The cast of the operetta "The Whispering Wood" presented by the Fairfield Girls School, Singapore.

The School Operetta

The staff and pupils of the Fairfield Girls' School, Singapore, are to be congratulated on their excellent production of the operetta "The Whispering Wood" which was presented a number of times to packed audiences in their school chapel. With a very much enlarged stage, new drops and stage lights, the school has more opportunity than in previous years of putting on a good programme. This operetta was excellent evidence of the high grade musical instruction that is offered in this Girls' School. The solo parts carried by the main characters in the operetta were well sung and the acting was far above

average. The school secured a high commendation from the Chief Inspector of Schools, Mr. H. R. Cheeseman.

A Very Profitable Sale

The Lady Treacher Girls' School, Taiping, held a sale in aid of the School Building Fund on Saturday, October 7, under the patronage of Mrs. Marcus Rex. There was a large display of articles made by the children and teachers of the school. The menagerie of animals was one of the most popular items. Miss Della Olson, principal of the school, reports that $1300 was taken in cash.

Scene from a Nativity Play presented by pupils from the Anglo Chinese School, Penang.

Klang A.C.S. Concert

By CHAN SOO

More than one hundred boys took part in our School Concert this year. It was decided to hold the conecrt in the early part of the school year so that the third term lessons would not be interrupted. The dress rehearsal was held on the 29th of June and was attended by the pupils of local schools and the programme for the public was given on the following day. All the local celebrities were present and the school hall was packed. The wife of the Klang District Officer, Mrs. Reid, came specially to give away the Cambridge Certificates to those who had passed the Junior and School certificates Examinations last year. This she did at the end of the concert, after which the Rev. Abel Eklund spoke a few words of advice to the boys who had received their certificates and also to those who were not so lucky. He asked the former not to forget their school and teachers and the latter to work hard. As their former Principal, he continued, he was still interested in the welfare of the boys and he wished them well in their future life. He said he was also glad to note the efficient way the school was being run and added, "This year the school has made remarkable progress, perhaps better than in all other years. I congratulate Miss Youngdahl for this evening's concert which is a success from the educational point as well as an entertainment." He also thanked Mrs. Reid for coming to give out the Cambridge Certificates.

Miss Youngdahl then thanked Rev. Eklund for his kind words and Mrs. Reid for her presence. She remarked that parents and friends must have felt overcrowded during the evening and said that she was sorry the present hall was not large enough to accommodate them comfortably but she hoped that the New A.C.S. Building would be soon up and the New Hall would be able to accommodate even a larger gathering of friends.

Church Bazaars

The Tamil and the Foochow Church Ladies Aids, Singapore, held their annual bazaars in October. The Tamil Church Hall was attractively decorated and many worth while and interesting items were on sale. The Ladies Aid chief contribution was the stall selling children's garments. The garden back of the Tamil Church is a sheltered and convenient place to serve tea and hold similar church functions. The Tamil Church bazaar was a very real success and they are hoping to almost completely wipe out their church indebtedness this year.

The Foochow Church in its new building on Race Course Road presented a very busy spectacle during their annual sale. The court yard around the church building was filled with tables catering various Chinese delicacies as well as tea and the verandah and ground floor of the building were filled with various booths. Although this year's sale was not financially as high as previous years yet the general results were very satisfactory and the church is making good progress in the reduction of its building indebtedness.

Cast of "Twelfth Night" given by the Methodist Girls School, Singapore, in Wesley Hall.

"Twelfth Night"

Shakesperian plays always have a fascination for the Cambridge classes for it is obvious that a play can be best understood when it is actually presented on a stage. Thus the girls of the Methodist Girls' School Cambridge classes had a very happy time in learning and presenting Twelfth Night a number of times to very enthusiastic audiences in the Wesley Church Hall, Singapore. The standard of acting was very high and one was especially pleased with the diction and careful enunciation. They were especially fortunate in having two girls in the school who when made up looked so exactly alike that it was very difficult for the majority of the audience to detect the difference between the two brothers. This play likewise received a high commendation from the Chief Inspector of Schools.

The Methodist Chinese Choir, Kuala Lumpur.

Kuala Lumpur Chinese Choir

The Cantonese-Hakka and Hokkien Chinese Churches have together organized a very excellent choir. This choir is conducted by the Rev. Yap Un Han, pastor of the Hokkien Church and will give a public concert in the Methodist Boys School Hall on November 4. The concert will consist of English songs and hymns and also the Chinese National anthem. The Chinese Consul of Kuala Lumpur, Mr. Sze Zau Tsung, has promised his patronage for this concert which will be for the purpose of raising money for the China Relief Fund.

Story Telling Contest

The Singapore District Epworth League composed of the eight Leagues in the city presented a very novel and interesting programme on the evening of October 20 in the Wesley Social Hall in the form of a Concert Telling Contest. Each League had been asked to present a candidate who would take part in the contest by telling a Bible story. Miss Eva Murty representing the Tamil League won the first prize with her account of the Prodigal Son. Mr. Thio Cheng Guan of the Geylang Y.P.C. won the second prize with his story of the Good Samaritan and Mr. George Khoo of the Paya Lebar League was awarded third prize for his description of the Sacrifice of Isaac by Abraham. Other leaguers very vividly presented stories on David and Goliath, Daniel, Esther, Samson, and Paul on the Way to Damascus. The President of the District Epworth League, Mr. T. R. Doraisamy, in a short speech told of the plans that the District League has for the months ahead. About 150 leaguers attended and all thoroughly enjoyed the contest.

K.L. School Concert

The Methodist Boys' School of Kuala Lumpur gave a very successful concert in the new hall of the Sentul branch of this school. Three performances in all were given to very enthusiastic audiences. The programme was as follows:

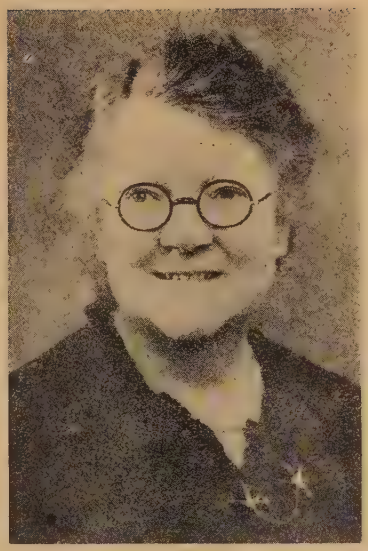
1. Senior Chorus
   "Stars of the Summer Night"
   "A Merry Life"
2. Percussion Band by Standard II playing "Vive L'Amour"
3. A drama "The Pudding Pan" presented by Junior A students
4. Moving Pictures
5. Senior Chorus
   "Santa Lucia"
   "Swing Low Sweet Chariot"

The Anglo Chinese School, Nibong Tebal, P.W.
Rev. C.D. Patterson, Manager, (Center), Mr. Looi Leng Yin Headmaster, (Right), Dr. M. Dodsworth, Dist. Supt. (Left).

Members of the congregation of the Chinese Methodist Church, Kuala Pilah, Negri Sembilan. Mr. Tan Choon Khoe is pastor.

A Cameron Highlands Sakai home. It is among these people that our Home Missionary Society is working.

Two Cameron Highland Sakai women busy at household tasks.



A recent photograph of Mrs. W.E. Horley, who is now in retirement in London after many years of service in Malaya with her husband, the late Rev. Horley.

6. Action Song.
   Shopping by Sentul School pupils.
7. Topsy Turvy by Primary II B.
8. "The Fooling of Malvolio" from Shakespeare's Twelfth Night presented by Senior boys.

The proceeds from the concert were divided between the Malaya Patriotic Fund, the School Curtain Fund and the Wesley Church Organ Fund.

Dedication of New Organ

The Penang Chinese Church dedicated its new organ on Sunday, July 16, during the morning service of worship. Miss Lila Corbett, organist, played a short recital of three selections as the organ prelude. Rev. Timothy Huang, pastor, was in the pulpit and in charge of the service. The choir under the direction of Mr. D. L. Khoo sang two anthems *The Gloria* from Mozart's 12th Mass and *Praise the Lord*, a Russian hymn. The singing of this choir was excellent and an interesting fact to note is that the words were all sung in Chinese.

The new organ was presented to the pastor for dedication by Madame Lim Leng Lee. The pastor preached on the subject "Music and Worship" following the dedication ceremony.

The organ is an electric pedal-reed organ manufactured by Messrs. R. F. Stevens Ltd., London. It is among the three best organs that Methodism now has in Malaya. It has ten full sets of reeds and 16 stops. Power is furnished by a silent eletric blower inside the solid oak case.

Mr. and Mrs. Yap Chin Choon were married in the Telok Ayer Church, Singapore, on October 28. Mrs. Yap was the former Miss Hong Hua Teck, second daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Hong Han Keng.

Variety Entertainment

The Methodist Tamil Church in Ipoh gave a most interesting entertainment on the 7th of November in aid of a fund to purchase new Hymnals and Prayer Books. Children of 5 years of age as well as men of 45 took part in the programme. The item entitled "Hilly Billies" presented by Mr. Victor Lee and sisters was most entertaining and the morality play entitled "Christiana" given by Standard VII girls and directed by Miss B. Bloxsom was very edifying. The Appaduray orchestra, under the direction of Theophilus Appaduray, and the piano numbers by the Ayathury daughters were a real treat.

Previously, on September 10th, the church presented a biblical drama in Tamil entitled "The Prodigal Son or Good Father" which was in aid of the church building fund for the Tamil Settlement.

The Tamil Church, Ipoh, was also the host to the Tamil Pastors' School held in August and the individual church members exceeded in their hospitality to the visiting pastors. The Rev. J. Milton David is the pastor of this church.

Our Parent A. C. S. points with justifiable pride to its achievements

By T. R. Doraisamy *in the A.C.S. Magazine, Singapore*

A RICH HERITAGE

The A.C.S. Magazine made its first appearance forty years ago. Had it been regularly published since then we should have a unique record as a school magazine. However, the beginning made early in the School's history is a source of pride and pleasure. A musty volume, one of the School's treasured possessions, represents a short but useful career and preserves for us a picture of days long past. A generation that dips into its pages 'forty years on' is inspired with feelings of veneration and gratitude. This volume shows that many of the later day developments were set afoot then, and that the ideals of the Founder were closely knit with its activities. The Magazine was divided into Literary, Religious, Scientific, Alumni and News Departments. Many of the names that appear in the news, editorial board and under articles have been associated with scholarship; with distinguished careers in the professions, public service and social work; and with service to the Church and the Alma Mater.

Mr. T. W. Hinch, caught in a reflective mood

A DECADE COMPLETED

In March this year Mr. T. W. Hinch completed his tenth year as Principal of the Anglo-Chinese School. We offer him our heartiest congratulations.

These ten years, during which time this Magazine has had a continuous and lusty existence, have seen steady progress and high achievement. The story of academic and athletic successes is told by statistics and reports and the growth of the various societies is recorded elsewhere in this issue. We could describe a number of institutions like the Speech Day, the Teacher's Christmas Party and the singing of 'Forty Years On,' which by their regularity

have become part of the School tradition; but there are other things that arise from personal qualities which imperceptibly get diffused in a corporate body and give it character. The best expression of this character is the camaraderie that exists throughout the School, making work a pleasure and loyalty and incentive. For all this the School is deeply indebted to Mr. Hinch.

We wish him a pleasant holiday when he goes on leave next year and hope that he will return to us to guide the destinies of the School for many years to come.

A.C.S. teachers (Singapore) on a picnic to Pulau Ubin

LATE FLOWERINGS

We wish to refer to four items, which are late flowerings in that they are the results of earlier endeavours recorded long after they are news.

The School Scout Troop (The Singapore 11th) becomes the custodian of the Singapore Boy Scout Association's colours on being ranked the best troop for 1938.

Lim Kok Ann, who won the Seow Poh Leng Medal in 1936, captured one of the Queen's Scholarships for last year.

For the first time A.C.S. boys offered 'Science Subjects' in the Junior Cambridge Examination in December last year and all of them were successful. This is an auspicious beginning. The 'scientific' articles in this issue speak highly for the enthusiasm with which our 'School Scientists' have entered into their studies.

The announcement made last December of the award of three Superscale Appointments to three of the members of the School Staff, bringing the number of such appointments to four has been regarded as a tribute to the high standard maintained by the School in all branches of activity.

These awards and successes have had an invigorating effect on school life.

THIS YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENT

While our boys have been attending Afternoon Science Classes at Raffles Institution, a room originally intended as a 'Science Room' came to be known as such throughout its vicissitudes as lumber-room, book-shop and 'Commercial Room.' During a survey made by the Principal on the literary taste in the school, the need for a reading room was expressed. Quick action followed. The erstwhile 'Science Room' was converted into the School Reading Room. Suitable furniture was designed and made, the nucleus of a reference library formed and an assortment of periodicals put in.

We are glad that now there is a sanctuary for those who wish to retire, read and live in the company of books. We trust that the habit of independent research will be developed and that adventure will be found in the hunt, joy in the capture and orderliness in the collection of information.

FLOREAT OBA

Our Old Boys' Association lives again and we rejoice at its resuscitation. It fulfils a genuine need. This issue of the Magazine will reach all its members who will see that a section conducted by their own representative is open to all boys of the School.

The Association has evolved a constitution well suited to the carrying out of its aims and we are sure that the School will receive inspiration from a body that counts among its members some of the most distinguished men of the City.

Mr. Lim Kok Ann, winner of the Seow Poh Leng medal, 1936. Winner of the Queen's Scholarship, 1938. He is studying in Edinburgh now. Mr. Lim is a member of the Wesley Church, Singapore.

Great Chinese Chorus

The Singapore Chinese Christian Inter-Church Union composed of four Methodist, three Presbyterian and two Church of England congregations has been responsible for bringing together the largest choir that has ever been heard in Singapore. The pastors of these four Chinese churches have taken an active part in the organization of this Chorus and the Rev. Hong Han Keng is Vice President of the Association. Under the able direction of the Hon. Mr.

Tay Lian Teck, Singapore had the privilege of hearing this choir of about three hundred and fifty voices in three concerts during October. We feel it is a great achievement and one worthy of the Christian enterprise and spirit of brotherhood to bring these various denominations together in one large group singing the finest of church music together with popular Chinese airs.

Photo by H.B.A.

The Pastor's children selling flowers at the Foochow Church Annual Sale (Singapore)

Our School at Parit Buntar

The High School building of the Anglo Chinese School, Parit Buntar, was opened in 1936. It is beautifully situated in a six acre plot of ground which gives ample space for a football field, a volley ball court, a basket ball court, and plenty of drill ground as well. A generous number of coconut trees scattered about break up any possible monotony of landscape. The A.C.S. in Parit Buntar is divided into two buildings which unfortunately are in different parts of the city. The original building is in the main or older section of the town while the new building is on the outskirts where there is less noise and confusion. It is hoped some day to have the entire school of this new site. During the last two years

The High School of the A.C.S., Parit Buntar

Playing courts, tiffin shed and high school building, Parit Buntar

since the completion of the new school building the following improvements have been added:

A combined carpentry and tiffin shed.
A shed to accommodate eighty bicycles and two motor cars.
A four room servants quarters.
A store room for sports materials.
"The best basket ball court in the town." (So say others).
A much used volley ball court.
A new platform of each of the two school halls.
Five dozen new chairs for the "town" school hall.
A brick path forming the approach to the new school.

News from Kuala Lumpur

When Miss Hazel Depler left the Methodist Girls School last month to go to Klang the girls gave an original farewell programme in her honour. The items on the programme centred about Malay wedding customs and four typical weddings of Malaya were given in tableau form.

Remembrance Day was observed in the Wesley Church on Sunday night, November 5, at which time the Rev. P. L. Peach gave a stirring message on the subject "Be Thou Faithful." The wreath on the altar was presented by the Ex-Service Association of Kuala Lumpur.

Wedding tableau according to Indian custom by the M.G.S. girls of Kuala Lumpur

On November 1st and 2nd Mr. Ernest Tipson, Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, gave a moving picture lecture at the Methodist Boys School entitled "For All the Nations." This lecture illustrates the work of the Bible Society throughout the world. The picture begins with the founding of the Bible Society followed by pictures of the headquarters in London, how manuscripts are received from all parts of the world, how they are set up into book form, and finally sent out to every section of the world.

On Sunday night, October 29, a special service was held in the Wesley Church for the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. Sixty-four Scouts and their officers and twelve Girl Guides and their officers attended. Mr. Stuart Duncan, District Commissioner for Selangor, delivered the message, and the Scout choir sang an anthem.

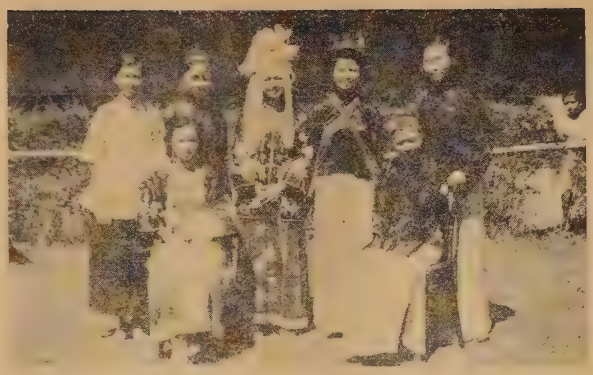
On Saturday, November 4, the Chinese Methodist Choir of Kuala Lumpur gave a concert in aid of the China Relief Fund. A crowded house heard a splendid programme and $2,000 were collected for this fund.

On Sunday morning, November 5, the Rev. Andrew D. Webb, pastor of the Kuala Lumpur Presbyterian Church, gave the message in the Wesley Church morning service. The theme of his sermon "Christ Knocking at the Door" was taken from Holman Hunt's famous picture.

A Premature Obituary

From next year the Junior Cambridge Examinations will not be conducted in Malaya. Pupils promoted from Standard Seven will in future proceed to Standard Eight and then to the School Certificate Class. There might be regrets for the change especially on the part of the boys who generally experience feelings of great elevation on being called 'Cambridge Students;' but the change in name and examining body implies no lowering of the standard of work. Actually, the syllabus drawn up by the Department of Education is an improvement on the 'Junior' syllabus, which it replaces.

The Junior Cambridge Examination after a prosperous career disappears from the Malayan School scene without a tear being shed.



Wedding tableau according to Siam (Thai) custom by the girls of the M.G.S. Kuala Lumpur

Our Schools in the Daily Press

METHODIST WIN INTER-SCHOOLS TROPHY

After eight unsuccessful attempts the Methodists Boys School players managed to annex the inter-schools trophy by lowering the colours of the Victoria Institution, claiming four of the seven games. Luck played a big part in the victory, for in the third set, the Victorianns were leading at the closing stages, but smashes and placements just fell out or refused to go over.

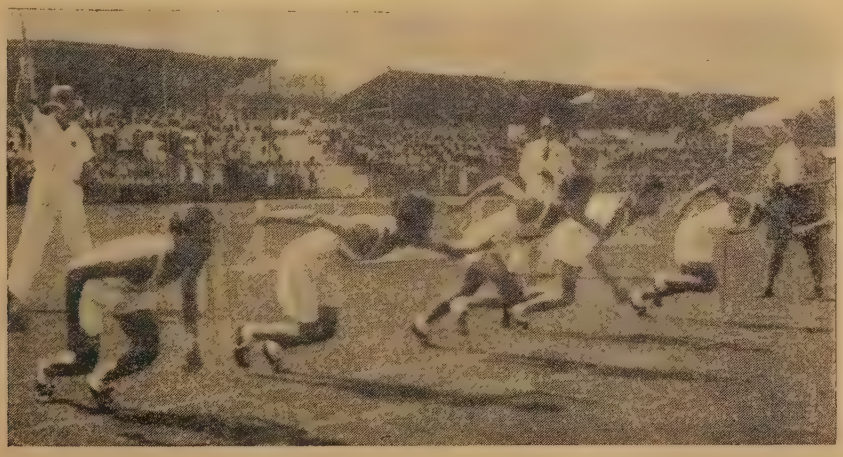
BUKIT BINTANG JUNIORS RETAIN SHIELD

There was an unusually large crowd present, mothers, sisters and supporters from the respective schools, when Bukit Bintang School "B" team, captained by little Aesah Indot, retained the shield for girls under fifteen for the third consecutive year, defeating the Methodist Girls School "B" team, one of the closest and most interesting finals seen in the series.

SCHOOL EXHIBITION

A.R.P. posters hung round the walls was a feature of the eight annual handwork and art exhibition of the Anglo-Chinese schools which was opened yesterday at Westlands School, Penang, by Mrs. A. M. Goodman.

Sunday Times, 29 October



At the A.C.S. (Singapore) Sports

Photo by Loh Heng Kee

A.C.S. SINGAPORE KEEP SCHOOL TITLE AT BADMINTON

The Singapore inter-school badminton tournament ended yesterday when the Anglo-Chinese School retained their title by beating the Y.M.C.A. School of Commerce by the narrow margin of three games to two.

It was a brilliant victory for the title holders and they deserved it thoroughly by virtue of having a well-balanced team. As in previous games, the Y.M.C.A. relied mainly on their second and third singles and second doubles, and at one time they looked like doing it again and very nearly succeeded.

—Straits Times.

Various Centres Review the Year 1939

New Mission House and Manse, Penang

Penang Happenings

M. D.

The outstanding event of the year was the series of special services conducted by the Rev. Chew Hock Hin in May. This was a co-operative effort participated in by the three Methodist Churches. The large new Anglo-Chinese School hall at Westlands was filled to capacity every night. In addition to the evening meetings Mr. Chew Hock Hin spoke thrice daily in the schools. The response was most gratifying. Over four hundred persons signed decision cards. These meetings not only brought many young people into the Church, but also they stimulated the spiritual life of the three Churches.

An Intermediate League was formed from some of the students who made decisions. This league is one of our most promising organizations. A large number of its members has already joined the Church.

A new venture was made in the Anglo-Chinese Primary School this year. On Wednesday, 26th July, a Children's Festival was held in the spacious school hall. The 176 children taking part in the programme occupied the centre of the hall and the guests were on the platform and at the ends of the hall. The programme was planned to show parents and friends something of the school work in singing, dramatisation and games. About 400 parents and friends were present. The enthusiasm and evident enjoyment of the boys as well as the favourable comments of the visitors bore testimony to the success of the occasion.

Miss Dorothy Moreton has organized a Teachers' Training Class for the Sunday School. Five of the six members of the class are Cambridge students. During the year they have studied teaching methods with special emphasis on Bible stories and handwork.

Mr. L. B. Jenkins has instituted a Educational Guidance Bureau in the Anglo-Chinese High School. Throughout the year he has conducted a Psychology Class for the teachers of the Anglo-Chinese Boys and Girls' Schools.

The Anglo-Chinese School Orchestra under the direction of Mr. H. H. Peterson presented a concert of a very high order on Friday, December 1st. Despite the stormy weather a large crowd attended. This orchestra has established a reputation for high class music.

Miss Lois Rea is justly proud of the Sketching Class which has been organized in the Anglo-Chinese Girls' School. This is under the direction of Mrs. Tay Hooi Keat. The girls pay visits on Saturdays to various beauty spots on the island. The exhibition of paintings done by this group was favourably commented upon.

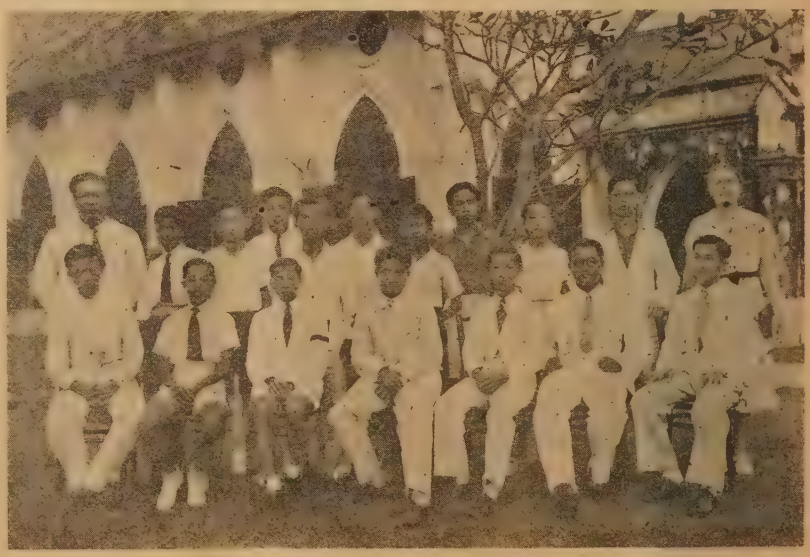
Miss Khoo Chiew Geok, a graduate of the Anglo-Chinese Girls' School, has just returned from England where she completed the Froebel Teachers' Course. She represented Malaya at the International Youth Conference held in Amsterdam in August.

Our girls' school also was given prominence by the swimming record made by one of our girls now in school. She won the women's championship for all of Malaya.

The big event in the Chinese Church was the dedication of the new organ in July. The picture appeared in a previous issue. This church is now one of our largest with an average congregation of over three hundred.

The red letter day in the Tamil Church was the unveiling ceremony of the Pykett Memorial Window reported elsewhere in this issue. This is the first Methodist Church in Malaya to have an art-glass window.

The new Manse and Mission House in Penang was dedicated in August. The two senior members of Wesley Church opened the doors. The last vestige of "Hillview" has now disappeared.



The Intermediate League of the Wesley Church, Penang

Recent Ipoh Events

V. D. K.

SENIOR CAMBRIDGE RECOGNITION SERVICE

On Sunday evening, the 19th November, the Wesley Church, Ipoh, held a very impressive Recognition Service in honour of the School Certificate Class students of the A.C.S., A.C.C.S., an the A.C. Girls' School. The Cambridge students turned up in good numbers and were accommodated in front of the pulpit. The Church was crowded to the doors despite the provision of additional seating. Rev. T. Runyan, the Pastor, was in charge of the Service, and Mrs. Runyan played special music. An A.C.G.S. Quartette sang "The Lord is My Shepherd," and the A.C.S. Choir, under the direction of Rev. Runyan, gave a very effective rendering of Handel's "Largo." The Pastor read a Scripture portion, Romans, 12; 1-2, 9-21, and preached a very inspiring and fitting sermon.

UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Wesley Union Sunday School at Ipoh is one of the largest in the Peninsula. It is composed of the students of the Anglo-Chinese, and Anglo-Continuation Schools and the Anglo-Chinese Girls' School. The staff consists of thirty officers and teachers, including one General Superintendent and three Departmental Superintendents. The School meets in the Horley Hall building, the Boys' School and Wesley Church.

The following figures will give a fair indication of the standard of work done by the School:—

Average Roll 302.		Highest Roll	326
,,	Attendance 222.	,, Attendance	251
,,	Collection $4.25.	,, Collection	$6.60

As in previous years,the School has presented very effective programmes at Easter, on Children's Day and at Christmas. This year an additional programme was given in the form of a Rally on the occasion of the Perak inter-A.C.S. Games during the Whitsuntide holidays. At Easter time, Mrs. T. Runyan staged a dramatic play and over 330 adults and children were present. On Children's Day, Miss G. Traeger conducted a spectacular pageant, and this programme was attended by over 360 people. The Easter collection ($13.75) was given to the Home Missionary Soceity, and the Children's Day collection ($22.08) to the R.E. Commission.

The A.C.G.S. Bus brings all the girls and small boys to the Sunday School, and the cost of transport is met by contributions of $25 each from the Boys' Schools, the A.C.G.S. and Wesley Church.

The Annual Christmas Programme was presented on Saturday, December, 2nd. Over 300 people were present. The programme commenced with an impressive service of worship. Then the Junior Dept. staged an affective tableau entitled "A Human Chrismas Tree." About thirty children were arranged in pyramid fashion, and equipped with torch-lights covered with coloured crepe paper. When the lights were turned off, the whole tableau formed a pretty picture, while the children sang four carols. The Christmas Play, "Why the Chimes Rang," was given by the Senior Dept. under the direction of Miss B. Bloxsom. The characters took their parts very well, and appropriate music added to the effect of the play itself. A special collection ($22) was taken for the purpose of giving Christmas treats to the Sakai people and their children at the four Home Mission centres in the Cameron Highlands, and the Telom and Jelai Valleys.

During the last years the Senior Department has not attempted any picnics, but the attendance has not been seriously effected by this. The Primary and Junior Departments have continued their annual Christmas Parties with great success.

FAREWELLS TO DR. DODSWORTH

A LARGE gathering was present at the Anglo-Chinese School on November 27th at a tea party given by the Pastor and members of The Methodist Church as a farewell to Dr. and Mrs. Dodsworth who will be leaving for the United States on furlough early next year.

Dr. Dodsworth is the District Superintendent for Penang and Perak and has been very popular in both centres where he has been working.

The party was later interspersed with choral items given by the boys of the Horley Hall and the A.C.S. choir.

Following the tea, Mr. V. D. Kuppusamy, bade farewell to Dr. and Mrs. Dodsworth and remarked on the good work they had done in the district and also their popularity among those who had come to know them. He wished them a happy holiday in U.S.A. and hoped that they would

The A.C.G.S., Ipoh, Junior Cambridge Class. Most of these girls took part in the Inter-School games Competition

come back and work again in Perak. Rev. Runyan also made a short speech expressing similar sentiments after which Dr. and Mrs. Dodsworth thanked the speakers for their kind words.

AT the annual dinner of the Anglo-Chinese School Teachers' Union held in the Eastern Hotel on November 27th opportunity was taken to bid farewell to Dr. Dodsworth, District Superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Churches of Perak and Penang, and Mrs. Dodsworth.

The function was presided over by Mr. Au-Yeong Kok Cheong, president of the Union. In a brief speech he bade farewell to Dr. and Mrs. Dodsworth and also welcomed the other guests of the evening. The guests-of-honour suitably replied after which the gathering dispersed.

"Malaya Tribune."

A MUSICAL TREAT

AN unusual musical treat was afforded those who attended the Wesley Methodist Church on Sunday evening December 3rd when a Christmas cantata, "The

Child of Bethlehem," was presented as the weekly church service. The church was filled to capacity.

Several weeks of practice put in by those who took part was amply rewarded by the unqualified success of this enjoyable choral rendering of sacred music. This is the first time that a cantata has been attempted in Ipoh.

Prominent parts were taken by Mrs. L. Burns (soprano soloist) Mr. E. N. Welch (baritone) and Miss B. Bloxsom (contralto) who were ably assisted by the Wesley Church Choir. To Miss Bonita Bloxsom, the director, Rev. T. Runyan, the organiser, and Mrs. T. Runyan, the capable accompanist, must be given the major credit for their painstaking work in presenting the entire programme.

The contralto solo, which was a Lullaby, with the rest of the choir humming their parts and the soprano solos were very much appreciated. There were also delightful duets by Misses Catherine and Violet Partridge, Misses Wong Pek Lin and Catherine Partridge, and solo by Miss Muriel Lee. The following took part in the Cantata:—Sopranos—Mrs. L. Burns, Misses Cantherine Partridge, Chen Mae Lee, Wong Pek Lin, Mary and Rose Ayathuray, Doris Lee and Yong Kwan Thye. Altos—Misses Violet Partridge, Muriel and Freda Lee. Tenors—Messrs E. N. Welch, George Shanta and Siau Leng Chong. Basses—Messrs Boon Ah Sin, Yeoh Oon Thor and T. Runyan.

From "The Malaya Tribune."

Our Ipoh Schools

M. R.

In the interesting, busy life of the Anglo-Chinese Girl's School during this past year, two particular items should be mentioned. The results of the December 1938 Junior and School Certificate examinations were very good! We were especially pleased to find that in the School Certificate passes there were seven First Class passes and only one Third Class pass.

Then the Inter-School Games Competition between the different Methodist Girls' Schools in Perak was a very bright idea and opened a great world of friendship, co-operation and sportsmanship to everyone connected with it. During the days of June 7th, 8th, and 9th the skill of the different school-teams was put to a test with the cheers of very interested spectators. During the evening hours of the first night our out-station guests and our own girls were entertained to a cinema show in our school hall, while the second evening a novel Camp-fire Concert was enjoyed by all. The fine fellowship and the spirit of fun that existed was the crowning feature of the entire three days. This was brought to a close with the tea-party on the last afternoon when the shield was presented to the winning school.

THE ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL.

The Anglo-Chinese School had another good year scholastically. A record was created by last years' 59 Seniors who earned 21 grade one certificates. The percentage of passes was 93% in the School Certificate class and 89% in the Junior class. The first and second boys in the Senior class and the First and second boys in the Junior class were form Horley Hall.

Toh Chin Chye and Tsang Ah Liat, won two out of the five Federal Scholarships at Raffles College. Cheah Ah Wah won an exhibition at the Dental School. Three of our students managed to gain entrance to the Medical College, Singapore, to which admission in recent years has been increasingly difficult. All our old students at Raffles College succeeded in passing their examinations, two of them winning exhibitions.

One of the big events of the year was the school concert, the feature of which was a play "Rory Aforesaid" directed by Mr. P.S. Dempsey. Over $2500/- was collected to pay toward the Scholarship, Radio and Expansion Project funds. On the latter fund there is still $20,000 debt which hangs as a dark cloud over an otherwise happy school.

Next year we will have a two-class school throughout for the first time since 1933. Science will be taught in Standards Six, Seven, Eight and Senior. The number of applications for the 80 vacancies in the 1940 primary class was 140, showing the continued popularity of the oldest English school in Ipoh.

A.C.S. Primary Department, Ipoh, with tembusu trees, Wesley Church Tower and Kledang Hill in the background

Highlights in Kampar

D. P. C.

In January last Kampar very graciously received the new Principal for the Anglo-Chinese School with his family. In addition he was to work as pastor of the English service which is a part of the Kampar Quarterly Conference of the Chinese church.

In early February the joint installation service for both Junior and Senior Epworth Leagues was held.

During the year under the able leadership of their teachers the boys and girls were taken on various excursions to places of interest in the State, Malim Nawar Power station, Chenderoh Dam, and Sungei Manik irrigation project being three of the more important places visited.

In March the A.C.S. celebrated the twentieth year of its moving into the present building. Various members of the staff reminisced on the old days mentioning the three Heads of the school in those years and that grand old man of F.M.S. Methodism, the late Rev. W. E. Horley. The new school prefects with the school captain Arthur Ferdinands were given the authority of their office at this time also.

During April the Inter-Methodist schools games were held in Ipoh and again in June we held the first Inter-Methodist schools girls games, in both of which meets Kampar came out runner-up. In July our half-mile relay team were the fortunate winners in the schools section half-mile relay.

One week in September in both church and school was devoted to our Malayan Home Missions project. Meetings were held by the various young people's groups and culminated in the Sunday services. This theme was presented by members of the staff who are associated with this work and by Mr. Siantoeri, one of our missionaries, who very ably presented his work to the assembled church congregation.

Temperance week was observed in October, when in church and school the evils and harm in alcohol were explained to all.

We were happy to have our Literary Society sponsor a cinema presentation of the world-wide work of the British and Foreign Bible Society given by Mr. E. Tipson the Secretary in Malaya for this work. The school hall was almost filled and great interest was shown in the message given by Mr. Tipson as he commented on the pictures. Following his visit, Mr. M. Joseph, a colporteur of the Bible Society, visited the school and spoke in the senior and junior chapel services. He also displayed a number of Bibles and Testaments in English and Chinese, which were almost all sold to eager young purchasers.

The Ipoh District Epworth League Institute was entertained by the Epworth Leaguers of Kampar when it met for four days of spiritual, mental, and physical growth last May. We all feel that this was by far THE HIGHLIGHT of the year here for we were able to enjoy a never-to-be forgotten fellowship with two hundred young people called Methodists and their friends from all over the SILVER STATE.

Senior Chapel was observed as the closing highlight of the year when Rev. T. Runyan, pastor of the Wesley Church, Ipoh, spoke in the chapel and to the two schools assembled. The school chorus and young peoples' choir under Mrs. Coole gave appropriate selections and Miss Nellie Low of the Junior class played a piano solo. Cecil Ferdinands, for the Seniors, thanked the speaker and then in a few well chosen words spoke in appreciation of the school, its teachers, and their hope for the future.

Malacca Methodism in 1939

R. A. B.

Malacca Methodism exceeds the boundaries of Malacca Town. Out in the country districts of the Settlement of Malacca we have a number of thriving Churches and schools. But even beyond the boundaries of Malacca Settlement we reach—into North Johore, on the one side, and Negeri Sembilan on the other. These outstations are the children of Malacca Methodism. We are never out of touch with them, and from time to time there are occasions which bring them home to the parent churches of Malacca.

Two such occasions were presented last year. One was the gathering of the Methodist women in Malacca. Work for the women is maintained in all the outstations. The workers meet the women in the outstations throughout the year and instruct and advise them. On the occasion mentioned opportunity was given the women to come to Malacca, to see the work in Malacca, to meet their sisters here, and to share with them in the programme which had been specially arranged for them: Bible Study, the New Methodist Church, and Women's Programme for World Methodism. Malacca women also had the opportunity of seeing a large group of women assembled from the outstations of which they had hitherto heard only reports.

The other occasion for an assembly of outstation people was the Sunday School Rally, also in July, when children from the outstations were brought to Malacca for a great union meeting. They came by car, bus, and lorry, each delegation with flag and song. A representative was chosen for each school to give a short statement of the work of his Sunday School.

Earlier in the year, in February, the women of Malacca Town gathered from the three Methodist congregations for a Fellowship Tea. After tea there was a short programme in which the name of John Wesley was frequently heard, and the new Methodist Church and the probable provisions for Women's Work of the future were discussed.

Another effort which deserves more than 'honourable mention' was the Temperance Programme which was carried out in July under the direction of the Rev. Burr Baughman, reaching into the Church and School. Chapel talks were arranged for the schools at convenient times during July. A Temperance play was in preparation during a large part of the month. On the Friday before the Sunday observed as Temperance Sunday, the play was presented followed by Temperance Pictures shown by the Rev. J. J. Kovilpillai. Temperance Sunday had a full programme for the Sunday School, the Epworth League, and the Church services, and 150 Pledge Cards were signed.

The schools had a busy year with their various programmes. Both the Anglo-Chinese and the Methodist Girls' Schools held their Sports Day Programmes before large and appreciative audiences. At mid-year the Methodist Girls' School presented a delightful programme in which a play was the main feature. Among the other important events of the schools were the Aquatic Sports, the dinner for the Cambridge boys of the Anglo-Chinese School, and the Cambridge Recognition Service at Wesley Church, Malacca.

A Year at the Federal Capital

P. L. P.

The year 1939 for Kuala Lumpur and Klang has experienced coming and going of members of our staff, the latter has been greater than the former, so we are left "in the red". We pray for a balanced budget in personnel during 1940. Rev. C. H. Foss, Rev. and Mrs. P. L. Peach, Miss Marsh, Miss Bunce—came, Rev. and Mrs. Abel Eklund, Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Schurr, Miss Ruth Sherwood, Miss Craven—went.

The formal opening in April of the Sentul Methodist Boys School, reported earlier in this journal, was the out-

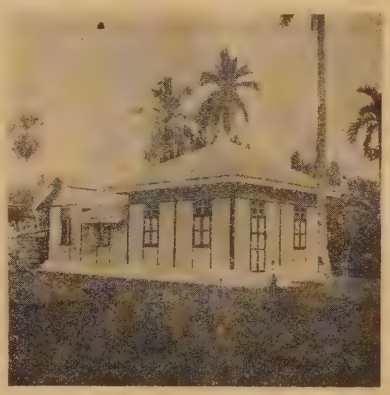
standing Educational advance in this area. In architectural beauty it was spoken of as the Taj Mahal of Malaya. It bids fair to open a new field in Education for Malaya, namely Vocational. The Hon. Mr. S. W. Jones, C.M.G., M.C.S. performed the ceremony in the presence of a large and representative gathering. The school opens in January with 5 classes—200 pupils.

In July the Sports Day of the Methodist Boys' School was distinctly honoured by the presence of His Highness the Sultan of Selangor. This was the first time State Royalty ever visited this school. A new playground has been opened immediately adjoining the present one, giving far better facilities for the 1,400 pupils who pass in and out of the two schools morning and afternoon. The Afterenoon School has borne the cost of this development.

The campaign to raise funds for the new Anglo Chinese School, Klang, was vigorously started and there is full expectation that 1940 will see a fine new plant in that growing Mission centre. The plans for extension at Port Swettenham are well laid and some day there will be a strong school there. The Methodist Girls' Boarding School continues to make "Country Side" a fine home for girls. The Methodist Girls School had one of the best Handwork Exhibitions in its history.

Wesley Church had fine services among which the outstanding ones were—Remembrance Day, The Scout Parade, Cambridge Recognition Day. This church has been a great asset in the Evangelistic programme for all schools. The District Institute at Klang in October was a great success as a Rally for young people in this area.

At the Prize Giving of the Methodist Boys' School in December a picture and tablet were unveiled in the Indo-Ceylonese Hall of the School, of Rev. Samual Abraham, a Pioneer worker in Education and Evangelism and first District Superintendent of Tamil work. He was Principal of the Anglo-Tamil English School in 1900, which school was the forerunner of the Methodist Boys' School in 1903. The Memorial was presented by his children and was unveiled by the Hon. Mr. Hugh Fraser, Federal Secretary.



The Parsonage of the Chinese Church, Teluk Anson. Built in 1939.

The Mission Bungalow in Teluk Anson

The Methodist Chinese Choir of sixty singers gave a most creditable concert in November for China Relief. The Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A. of the city united in a very impressive service of worship during the universal week of Prayer — Mr. Hugh Clancy gave the address—The Power of the Spirit.

The year closes with a great Christmas Service of Music and Worship at 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 24th, when an augmented choir of all Methodist Churches of Kuala Lumpur and Klang will sing the great Christmas songs.

The Methodist Church in Teluk Anson

Teluk Anson Events Worth Recording

L. C. E.

1. *Library.* A room was found for the school library at the beginning of the year and 284 books were added. The library has been very popular and good use has been made of the books and the weekly papers. The boys come in the afternoon and on Saturday mornings as well.

2. *Sports day.* This was held on 24th June, 1939 and it was well attended by members of all communities, Europeans, Chinese, Malays and Indians. The wife of the Raja Muda gave away the prizes. Among the visitors were the District Officer and his wife, Mr. & Mrs. Aston. A sum of $154.00 was contributed by friends of the school to School Funds to help us buy prizes.

3. *Handwork Exhibition.* This was the best Exhibition that I have ever seen and the Art Master, Mr. P. Vengadasalam and his committee are to be highly congratulated. More than 1000 exhibits were on display. These were classified into 25 groups and this, I believe, is a larger number than that done in any other single school in Malaya. The geography projects attracted the most attention and the time and money spent on them have been very worth while. About 350 came to see the Exhibition and the four rooms were crowded.

4. *School Concert.* A big crowd turned up in the evening to attend our concert. This was of a fairly high standard and it pleased the audience, which included most of the European officials in town. Next year we hope to put up a better one and collect some money for school funds.

5. *The Staff.* The teachers have contributed generously to school funds, the Home Missionary Society and towards the support of the two pastors.

6. *Our Scouts.* The two scout troops here are very efficient. This year they were given training in Fire-fighting and they did fine work when a very big fire broke out in town.

HERE AND THERE IN MALAYAN METHODISM

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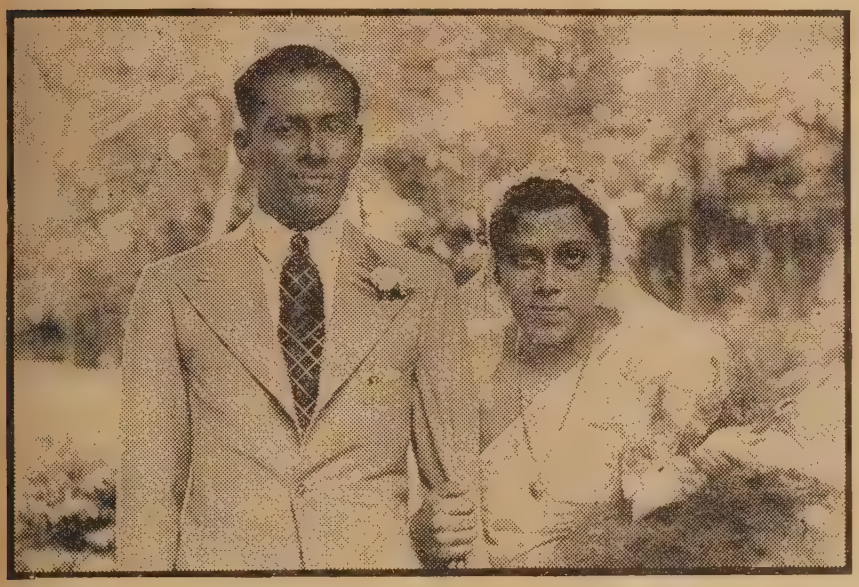

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stoner

Parents day at the Nebong Tebal A.C.S.

The Annual Handwork Exhibition and Parents Day of the Anglo-Chinese School, Nebong Tebal, were held on Friday afternoon October 27th.

The exhibits included hessein purses, glass bead ribbons, handbags, cushions and belt made by the girls of the various classes, cardboard boxes, toys, and plasticine models; the bookbinding section displayed beautiful books of various sizes and thicknesses all of which bore beautiful designs either on the covers or at the edges, blotter pads, scrap books and photo albums.

The walls were tastefully decorated with pencil and pastel drawings, water-colour objects and conventional designs, hygiene posters, potato prints, maps and friezes. The most outstanding features, however, were four handsome velvet cushions with woolen designs of cat, dog, peacock and horse, executed by the girls of the upper classes, and four reproductions in water-colour of well known historical scenes. The Carpentry section this year produced some well polished hat racks, letter racks and coat hangers.

At 5 p.m. a short variety entertainment was given. The programme which consisted of 16 items was gone through without a hitch. Each class presented a play or an act, while the girls in the upper classes, sang "Aloha Oe" (Farewell To Thee) accompanied by the school harmonica band, and the bigger boys performed the Skipping Item with great credit. Special mention however, should be made of Master Low Boo Chuar who enacted King John in "The Three Questions" most creditably, and who also sang the comic song, "Where Did You Get That Hat" which almost brought the house down.

—*Straits Echo*

Home Missionary Worker's Excursions into Trengganu

S. M. Pandian

Stationed as I am at Kuantan, the town of Pahang, I desired very much to go into Trengganu the adjoining Malay state.

Jabor, a small village sixteen miles away from Kuantan by road, is in the south end of Trengganu. I visited a rubber estate there, which has 800 Indian labourers. Here the fear of wild animals is very great. Tigers and elephants take away dogs and goats at night. We can see the elephant's foot-prints in wet places.

Kemaman is fifty miles north of Kuantan. I went up along the east coast by motor boat. All along the coast I noticed fishing villages. At Kemaman I stayed with Dr. T. J. Dhanaraj, The Medical Officer of the District, a member of our church and whose father served the Ipoh Tamil Church as steward for many years.

Most of the people here are Malays and the government uses the Malay language. There are a number of Chinese business men and a few Indian Muslims. Besides the doctor I met an Indian Christian Postmaster. Both of them gave me the addresses of a few more Indian Christians who work as clerks and sanitary inspectors. I met a Chinese business man, a Buddhist, whose daughter graduated from the Eveland Seminary and is now teaching in Singapore. With the help of the Christian gentlemen in the various places it will be possible to open up church and school centres along the East Coast. The state has only one Government English School and the East Coast is being laid with roads and so I hope the work of the Hme Missionary Society can be extended.

Pykett Memorial Window

The unveiling service of the Pykett Memorial art-glass window took place at the Penang Tamil Church on Sunday, November 12th, at 10 a.m. The picture of Christ, the Good Shepherd, is beautifully depicted in the richly coloured glass which fills the centre panel of the window behind the altar. This is the gift by the family of the late Rev. and Mrs. G. F. Pykett. Mrs. J. M. Hoover made the trip from Singapore to Penang to unveil the Memorial on behalf of the family.

An organ prelude by Miss Selina Samuel followed by a hymn commenced the service. Rev. Fred David, pastor of the Church, presided and led in the opening prayer.

Dr. M. Dodsworth, District Superintendent of the Penang-Ipoh District, spoke of the good work done by the

late Rev. and Mrs. Pykett in Penang and pointed out that the same qualities of sacrifice, unceasing labour and faith are required today. He said that the late Rev. Pykett was not only a "guru"—a man of wide learning, but also a "pundit"—a man of deep religious insight. He was not only an able educationalist, but an outstanding missionary.

Mr. S. Thillaimuthu, an exhorter and steward of the Church, who had personally known the Pyketts, spoke of the progress which they had made with regard to the spread of Methodism in Penang from its early beginning in a small house in Hutton Lane. The various Methodist Mission schools and churches, said the speaker, were monuments to the work of these two pioneer missionaries.

Miss Lydia Urech, who had been a colleague of the Pyketts for many years in Penang spoke most effectively of some of her personal experiences while privileged to work with them. Their kindness to those in trouble and their unselfish generosity to the poor were especially mentioned.

Mr. Ephraim Isaac, a friend of the family, gave the closing address in Tamil. He emphasized the fact that Mr. Pykett was one of the influential men in Penang particularly in the field of education.

Mrs. Hoover, a daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Pykett, then unveiled the memorial window.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Church gave a tea-party in honour of Mrs. Hoover on Monday evening. About thirty persons were present. Mrs. Appaduray, President of Society, spoke and Mrs. Hoover replied.

November Retreat

Eva Nelson

From the 10th to the 15th of November, 1939, Kampong Koh Church in the heart of a Sitiawan estate was the retreat of twenty-two earnest Bible-women coming from nine Methodist mission posts in Malaya. The place was well chosen. Far away from the bustle and hustle of towns and cities it was congenial to deep spiritual meditation and to the study of God's Word.

Assisted by Revs. Hong Han Keng, M. T. Huang and C. E. Fang, the whole carefully planned programme was carried out in detail as planned. In that short period of time we shared experiences with one another that were edifying to the soul, received invaluable didactic sermons and tasted of the joy and peace of living in the presence of Almighty God.

Each day began with a service of praise at 7 o'clock in the morning, led by chosen representatives from the various stations. Singing practice followed and at 9 a.m. Rev. M. T. Huang spoke on the Epistle to the Galatians. "Methods of Evangelism" by Rev. Hong Han Keng occupied the next hour. Discussions of the best means of promulgating the Gospel, of training children to walk in the Christian way, and of the dangers of social evils were conducted by the Misses Nelson and Craven. After the noontide prayer meeting led by Rev. C. E. Fang we broke up for the mid-day meal and siesta.

Homiletics with Rev. C. E. Fang in charge was from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. At this time all members of the group who were not speakers on the planned programme were required to give short religious talks for criticism and suggestions. Miss Janet Chen, the very able organist of the conference, presided again at a second singing practice which lasted till 6:15 p.m. Dinner over, we closed the day with a devotional meeting. The evening speakers were Rev. M. T. Huang, Mrs. C. E. Fang, Mrs. B. Phillips, and Miss Tan Phek Giok who exhorted the congregation to lead a fuller and richer Christian life of more frequent and intimate fellowships with our Heavenly Father. A communion service was held on the night of the 15th.

The Bible Women's Retreat, Sitiawan

OUR SCHOOL MAIL BAG

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This issue is featuring the Anglo Chinese School and our Church at Kampar, Perak, F.M.S.

Scouts and Cubs in front of the main school building. Rev. D. P. Coole, Principal in centre.

My Home Town

If anyone who has never visited Kampar were to be asked what Kampar is, he or she would invariably reply that it is just one of the towns of Malaya and nothing else.

Kampar is the most important mining town of Perak and is situated in the Kinta District which is one of the largest tin producing districts in the world. The Malays who were the first settlers named this place Kampar for some reason or other. But when the Chinese flocked to this place they called it Kam Poh which means gold and valuables. It is remarkable that Kampar having no gold should have this name. Still the Chinese are partly right for they indeed procure gold through tin mining.

Handwork Exhibit

Kampar is situated 136 miles south of Penang and over 300 miles north of Singapore. Quite a good number of years ago Kampar was just an ordinary Malay Kampong. But from the time that tin was discovered and mined, it has gradually developed and it is now a town with hundreds of houses. It has two main streets one of which is the main road from Penang to Singapore. There are several smaller streets intersecting the main ones at right angles and breaking up the long lines of houses. All the important houses face the main streets. There is not a single three storied building to be seen. Most of the buildings are of two storeys and are built of bricks.

A few hundred yards to the north of Kampar is the New Settlement which is an extension of the town. Here the houses have only a ground floor and are built of wood. But like the town it is well supplied with water and electricity. The occupants of these houses are those who have left the over-crowded town.

Kampar is not merely a tin-mining town. It is also famous for its pretty range of hills, its swimming pools and the palace of Towkay Eu Tong Sen, an old boy of the A.C.S. Ipoh and one of the wealthiest tin miners of Kampar and of Malaya. The building on Coronation Hill is antique with a large number of curios and stuffed animals decorating the interior. Around the house are the large and well cared-for gardens with a large variety of flower plants all arranged beautifully. The superb arrangement of the plants, the exquisite scent added to the cool atmosphere by the beautiful flowers and the antique residence in their midst presents to the visitor a copy of the heavenly garden one dreams of but never sees. From this hill one obtains an excellent panoramic view of the whole town.

Kampar has all the necessities of a town. There are two markets on one side of the town. There is a police station, a post-office, a cinema hall, a theatre, and the Health and Sanitary Departments. There are two public playgrounds one on either side of the town. There are also a few clubs for recreation and amusement. As regards education there are three English schools, a Chinese Girls' school, and two Chinese Boys' schools. Of all these schools the Anglo-Chinese School is the largest and it is built on an elevated ground facing the Town Padang. This is one of the few schools in Malaya which has co-education.

When a person visits Kampar casually there is nothing in the town which seems interesting. But if he travels up the main road he comes across gardens

Cub Pack Installation
School hall in background

owned by some of the miners of Kampar. Permits are given to friends and visitors to visit these gardens and enjoy the beauty of the flowers and a swim in their well constructed fresh-water pools. The most beautiful of these gardens is the Chong Shin's Garden situated about 4 miles from Kampar. If the gardens do not interest the visitors they could walk up one of the hills to the waterfall and have a bath in natural swimming pools of clear refreshing water. Coronation Hill is also open to those of the public

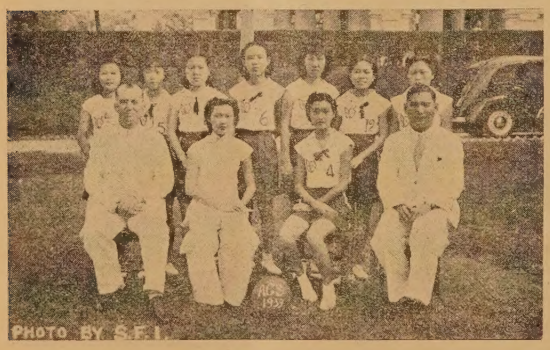
Girls Sewing class with Mrs. D. P. Coole in charge

who have obtained proper permits. One can also visit the foundries and engine rooms of the mines and gather ideas of how tin is mined.

Kampar, small as it seems to be, has a population of over 16,000 the majority of whom are Chinese. The number of Chinese is so great that at the first glance, Kampar shows that it is a Chinese Town. Almost half of the Chinese are miners. The rest are shop-keepers and business people. The other races to be found here are the Malays and the Indians who work mostly in the mines.

Like all other towns Kampar has its defects. For such a large population, Kampar should have more playgrounds. There should be a club for youngsters, and a better organisation in the field of sports. There are clubs but they are engaged in only a few activities.

CECEL FERDINANDS,
A.C.S. Kampar.



A.C.S. Net Ball Team with Miss Lo Heng Yue, coach

The Kampar Methodist Church

From every corner of Asia, tradesmen, artisans and common labourers have found their way to Malaysia. Chinese, Japanese, Siamese, Burmese, Indians, Arabs, Persians, Jews—every Nationality one can think of, all have poured into this Asiatic melting pot. Each group to a large extent retains its native costume, religion, language and customs, yet inevitable changes take place almost unperceived. The atmosphere of a new place makes it a little easier to accept new ideas.

The English Presbyterian Church sent ministers to Malaya in 1857, but only for the European congregation and it was several years before any missionary work was attempted.

The history of the Methodist Church in Kampar dates as far back as 1903 when an anonymous friend in England sent $2000/- for a church and a parsonage. Within a short time there was a splendid Chinese congregation which soon formed a self-supporting church. The Rev. Mr. Ding Ching Mi was sent from Singapore in the same year and when the Government offered a grant for a teacher's salary, a boys' school was opened by him.

The church was built on a piece of land belonging to a Chinese Towkay. It was situated a quarter-of-a-mile away, north of the town. The school was in the church. Later when the piece of land was badly needed by the owner, the church was pulled down and a new church was built by him in the year 1919. The early pastors of the church were Messrs. Wong Choh Tit, Kong Kung Sun, Cheah Sim Yuen, Ho Cheok Lan. The present one is Mr. Lai Kam Hong. All these years record steady progress and the congregation developed from a small group into one of over 150.

The need of an English service enabled the Church to start one in 1937 with speakers coming down from Ipoh every week. The English Methodist Church started to have its own pastor in 1939 when the Rev. and Mrs. D. P. Coole were sent to take charge of the Anglo-Chinese School, Kampar. Rev. Lai Kam Hong is in charge of the day service, which is in Chinese, and the Rev. Mr. D. P. Coole conducts the evening service which is in English.

Sunday school classes are conducted regularly. The Chinese class which starts at 10.30 a.m. is in the charge of Mr. Lo Wei Kuang who has been a local preacher for many years. Mrs. Coole with the help of several teachers in charge of the English classes.

Devotional meetings of the Epworth League and Junior League are held every Tuesday and Thursday respectively. A Prayer meeting is held every Thursday evening at 7.15 p.m.

TAN BENG TUAN,
Senior Cambridge,
A.C.S. Kampar.

The Limestone Caves in Kinta

There is no sight in nature more inspiring than a range of lofty hills dotted with beautiful caves. On the eastern side of the Kinta Valley there is such a range of hills. These are formed by ridges running parallel to each other north to south. Owing to the irregularities of the ridges caves are formed.

These caves are of lime-stone type. Here, the place is very cool, receiving gentle breezes all the while. Because of the presence of these impressive caves,

Carpentry Boys in Action

people come and settle there. Temples have been built by the Chinese who have made their home among these caves. Fortunately these caves are reached by a common road and they can be seen on the way from Ipoh to Kampar.

These temples present a very attractive scene. Before entering the caves one's attention will be drawn to the big Chinese lanterns hanging in front of every temple. Inside the caves there are idols of different gods and goddesses. They have sinister looks and they look all the more horrible in the dark corners of those gloomy caves. During Chinese festivals these caves are often crowded.

In most of these caves, there are steps leading to the inner terraces or upper chambers. There are tunnels too, but many of them are dark and few dare venture into them.

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